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HONGKONG REEL CLUB.

MODERN DANCES DERIDED.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance at the City Hall last evening for the annual meeting of the Reel Club, held under the auspices of the St. Andrews Society. The majority of those present when Mr. A. L. Shields took the chair, with Messrs. K. S. Morrison, C. I. Cooke and G. Duncan in the capacity of Committee members, were ladies.

The chairman dealt with the annual report in a few words and then elaborated on the functions of the club.

"Our activities are fully dealt with in the report," he said, "and I think you will agree that the Accounts are most satisfactory in view of recent formation of the Club. The support received has been very encouraging, and we have already received proposals for a considerable number of new members."

"We have quite a few non-Scottish members who are most enthusiastic, and keen, and we hope many more will come forward this year. I think it is being realized that a willingness to kick the heels to pipe music does not make a reel dancer, and the excellence and precision of the Scottish dances at last St. Andrew's Ball clearly reflected the hard work put in by our Honorary Instructors and the interest displayed by our Members."

"We are not content to rest on our laurels of last year, and confine our entire attention to the dances for St. Andrew's Ball. We have instructors who can teach any Scottish solo dance and also the fine old Scottish Country dances, and this year we hope to initiate those of our members who are not so fortunate as to know the joys of performing them."

"Scottish music and dancing are a fine heritage from our ain folk in that grey rugged Homeland of ours, a heritage which I believe will still be cherished when the syncopated rhythm of the African jungle which has rocked the world for the past few years has shuffled into oblivion."

"As you may know, the Reel Club has been asked to take part in the Tattoo in October, and we have been allotted an item in the programme for a Display on one of the three nights. We are also taking part in a scene each night in conjunction with the Philharmonic and Amateur Dramatic Societies. This is indeed a compliment to the Reel Club. We are grateful to those members who are devoting so much time to rehearsals, and we look forward to the good show which we know they will give the Colony."

Election of Officers.

"We all regret the absence today of our President. As first President of the Club, Mr. Stevenson has very ably filled the position, and we owe a great deal to his hard work in an advisory capacity and to his enthusiasm in taking part in the dances. A hearty vote of thanks inadequately expresses our indebtedness to him."

"I would also express the thanks of the Club to our energetic Hon. Secretary, Mr. Sutherland. He has worked hard in organizing and carrying on work of the Club, and I am sure you all highly appreciate his efforts."

The report and accounts were then adopted on the motion of the chair, seconded by Mr. D. L. McWhirter.

The election of officers for the forthcoming season was proceeded with, resulting as follows:

President, Mr. A. L. Shields; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. O. Sutherland; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Beveridge; Committee, Messrs. C. I. Cooke, K. S. Morrison, G. Duncan, M. A. Mackintosh and J. Talston.

The report of the club is as follows:

We have the pleasure of presenting to you the Report and Statement of Accounts for the

DROUGHT IN JAPAN.

FARMERS FIGHT FOR THE POSSESSION OF WATER.

Tokyo, Aug. 23.

Though central Japan has suffered during recent weeks from an excess of rain, the northern districts are experiencing a serious shortage of water owing to the long continued drought.

As the result of a dispute over the possession of certain water, fighting broke out this morning between the farmers of two villages in the Aomori prefecture, and as a result twenty people are reported to have been injured before the arrival of a strong detachment of police, who dispersed the combatants.—Reuter.

1927 Season of the Reel Club. The Balance to the Credit of the Club, it will be noted is \$333.84.

The first Meeting of the Club during the 1927 season, was held at the Helena May Institute, from 5.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 21st September, and continued on every succeeding Wednesday until the date of St. Andrew's Ball. Ten practices in all.

We have had 14 Members resign from the Club and 49 New Members join, our Membership now is 100 which is the limit number. Members having friends who wish to join are invited to fill in entrance forms and send them in to the Hon. Secretary as it is intended to raise the number of members to 150. Entrance Subscription \$2.00 per head. Annual Subscription \$5.00 per head.

We have held Children's Classes this season as an experiment. These have been held at the Helena May Institute every Tuesday from 7th February to 10th April from 5.30 p.m.—6.30 p.m. Eighteen children attended. Subscription \$5.00. It is intended to continue these classes and therefore it is hoped further support will be forthcoming since it is proposed to run these classes on a larger scale.

Appeal for New Members.

Subscription Dances were held in October, November and January at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant from 9.30 p.m.—1 a.m. the programme embracing Scottish and modern ballroom dances.

These dances proved very enjoyable and were self-supporting, but it is to be hoped that more members will avail themselves of these miniature St. Andrew's Balls.

We are very much indebted to Mrs. Strange, Miss Whyte, Miss Stevenson, Messrs. G. S. Brown, T. P. Sanderson, J. A. Douglas, W. Robertson, D. L. McWhirter, J. C. Thomson, W. L. Alexander, and H. V. Parker, for the splendid work and keenness they have shown in the interests of the Club on Sub-Committees.

We are sorry to lose such stalwart supporters of the Club as the Messrs. Shaw, Miss Stirling and Admiral Stirling, and Col. and Mrs. Mackintosh, who have left the Colony.

The Accounts have been audited by Mr. C. I. Cooke to whom our thanks are due.

With a balance of \$22 transferred from previous years, subscriptions, profits from seasonal dances and interest, the figures show disbursements to Helena May Institute, musicians and advertising, culminating in an improved financial standing. From the three dances held at Lane Crawford's Restaurant in October, November and January, the Club funds benefited to the extent of \$79.50. This profit was added to Reel Club, augmenting the balance on the year's working.

The Club is appealing for new members, who must be proposed in the first place by a member of the Reel Club and seconded by a member of St. Andrews Society. These are pointed out by the chairman, need not necessarily be of Scottish descent and it is hoped that many more will join.

ARREST ON WARRANT.

STOKER WHO FAILED TO ANSWER CHARGE.

After failing to appear last Thursday to answer a charge of being in unlawful possession of a revolver, Lam Shiu, chief stoker of the s.s. Winarac, stood his trial before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon, when Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the defendant, who was originally represented by Mr. Horace Lo.

It will be recalled that when the defendant did not appear last week the Court estreated his bail of \$1,500 and a warrant for his apprehension was issued. The following morning he was arrested and on Saturday last was formally charged before Mr. Schofield when he was remanded till yesterday.

Mr. Hall said that he had been instructed to plead guilty to the charge of unlawful possession of arms. Continuing Mr. Hall said, "I find your Worship, that the defendant gave a wrong impression by not coming to Court when the case was formally remanded and his bail was estreated. I would like to explain that he did not sign any bond and consequently did not know. There was no intention to run away from the Colony."

Proceeding, Mr. Hall said that had the defendant appeared and pleaded guilty with an explanation, the Court would have taken a lenient view of the case. The defendant had not signed the bail bond as somebody had put up the money for him and, "I suppose," said Mr. Hall, "he did not know he was supposed to be here. He did not appear and was arrested the following morning."

Seen War Service.

Referring to the charge, Mr. Hall said that it was not a case of smuggling or dealing in arms. The defendant only had a revolver without any ammunition. The defendant had, he understood, seen War service, having served on a British ship. He did not think that the defendant was in league with any robber or undesirable persons. He might only have been taking the revolver back to the country. In his statement he had said that he had found the weapon.

"That is all I would like to say on his behalf," continued Mr. Hall, "it is a plea of guilty and I also ask your Worship to make an order for the return of the bail money which was wrongly estreated. In fact, he never signed the bond."

Mr. Schofield: He certainly failed to turn up.

Mr. Hall: He was not told. He told me when arrested that he thought it was another day.

Major Willson pointed out to Mr. Hall that the defendant was told by the Court interpreter and he presumed, by Mr. Lo, who appeared at the first hearing.

Mr. Schofield: I have here a letter dated August 10 from Messrs. Lo and Lo stating that they had no further instructions to come. The defendant was certainly not in court.

Mr. Hall: He was not in Court but he tells me that he misunderstood and thought it was for the next day. I believe it was a genuine mistake and the fact that he was not asked to sign the bond puts more weight on my arguments.

Common Practice.

Sub. Inspector Dick: The usual thing is that the person who puts up the bail signs for it and in this case that was done. The defendant was informed by your Worship to be here.

Mr. Hall: I would like to stress the point that he was not asked to sign the bond. When a prisoner on remand is asked to sign a bond he is usually told when to appear. If he did not sign the bond how can it be estreated?

Mr. Schofield: I don't see at present that I can return the bail or make an order to that effect because the defendant and his lawyers were informed when to turn up.

Mr. Hall: I have no assurance from the previous lawyer that he

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THEOSOPHICAL POSITION FOR MR. LANEPART.

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told the defendant when to appear. We are only assuming that Mr. Horace Lo told his client of the remanded date.

Major Willson remarked that the defendant would also have been told by the depositor of the bail, as well as the interpreter whose duty it was to inform prisoners of the date of hearing of a case.

Mr. Hall: Your Worship will appreciate that a man standing there (pointing to the dock) on a charge may not be in his normal condition.

Leaving the point of the ball for the moment, Mr. Schofield asked Mr. Hall if he had any further observations to make as regards the charge.

Mr. Hall mentioned that the defendant had not concealed the weapon in any way. He carried it in an inside pocket with one end protruding. The defendant was a man in regular employment and was not of the class of persons to commit an armed robbery.

Fine Imposed.

The defendant, according to Sub-Inspector Dick, was arrested on the Mongkok Ferry Wharf with the revolver in an inside pocket. Referring to the defendant's arrest following his failure to appear before the Court last Thursday, it was stated that the defendant was arrested the next morning on the Yaumatei Ferry Wharf, apparently on his way to Hongkong.

It was pointed out that he was possibly going to a steamer with the intention of leaving the Colony.

Mr. Schofield remarked that the defendant seemed to have been simply wandering about, as he had had sufficient time before the trial to leave the Colony if he so desired.

In passing sentence, Mr. Schofield said that taking all these facts into consideration their Worship had agreed that the case would be met if a fine of \$500 was imposed, or in default six months' hard labour. No order would be made in respect of the bail.

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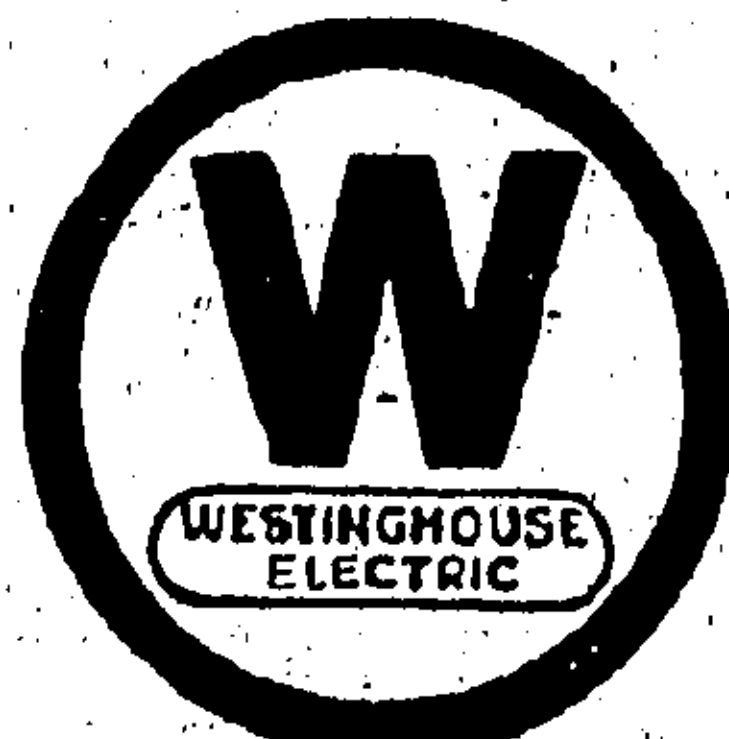
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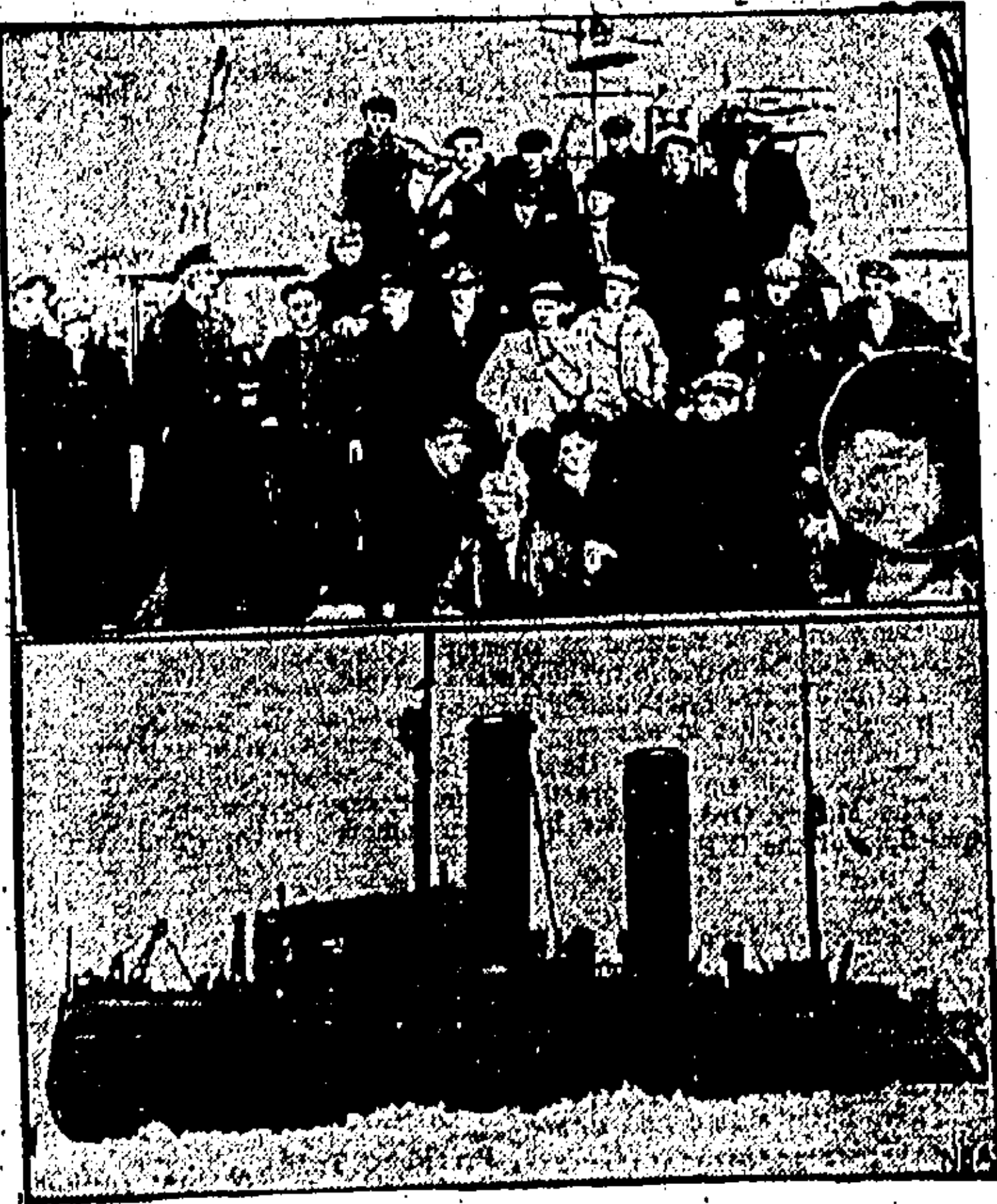
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Fearing that these four Iowa University students are lost in the far north without supplies, Canadian northwest mounted police are seeking them in the wilds of northern Saskatchewan. Left to right are John Fuller, Max J. Kane, Gordon C. Armstrong, and Pedro C. Boddum. Adventure and geological study took them to the edge of the Arctic Circle. The last letter received from them was postmarked Sturgeon's Landing.



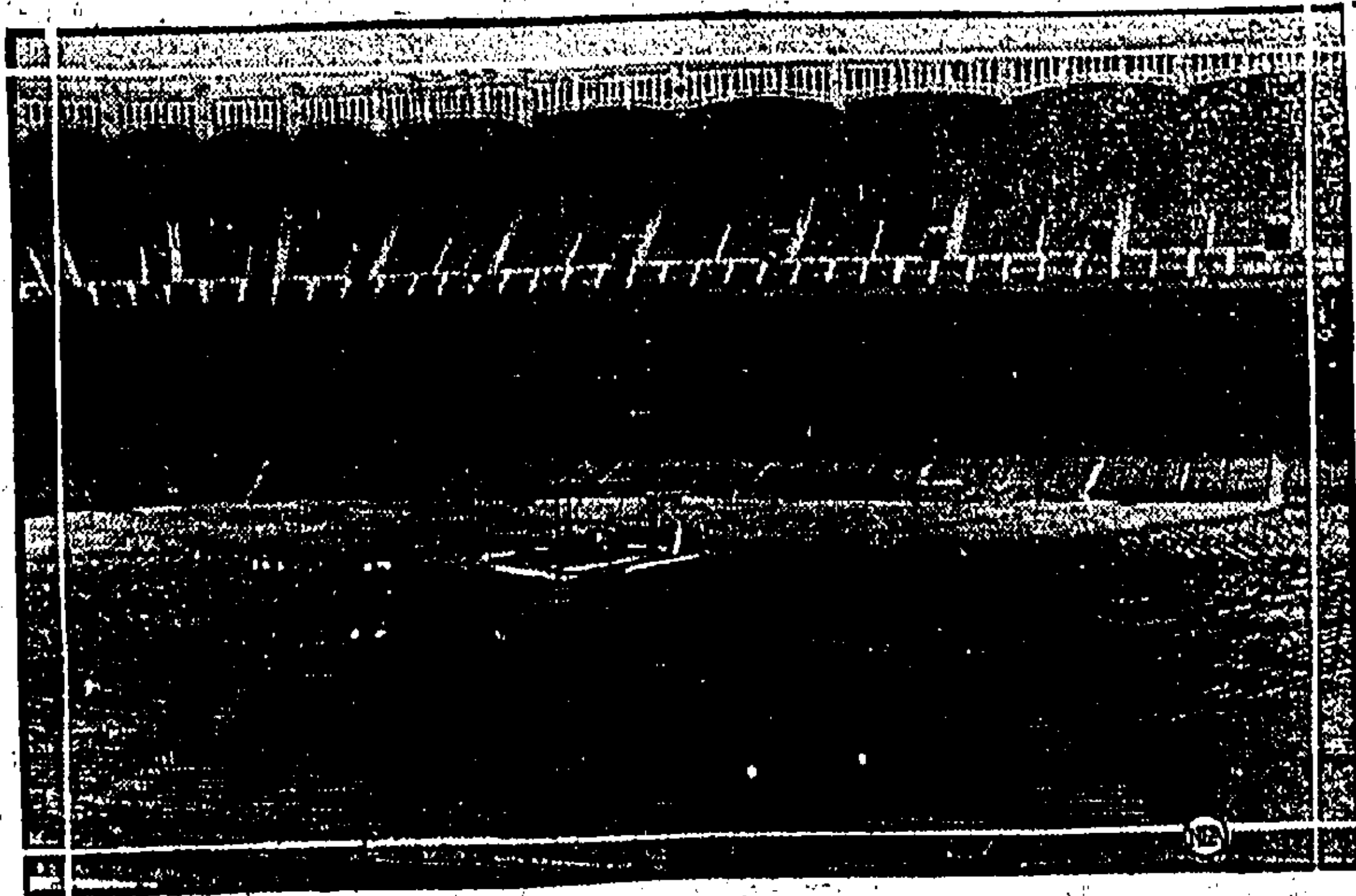
A scene from "Clean Soul," giving an excellent impression of the work of development in Chinese films now going on in Shanghai.



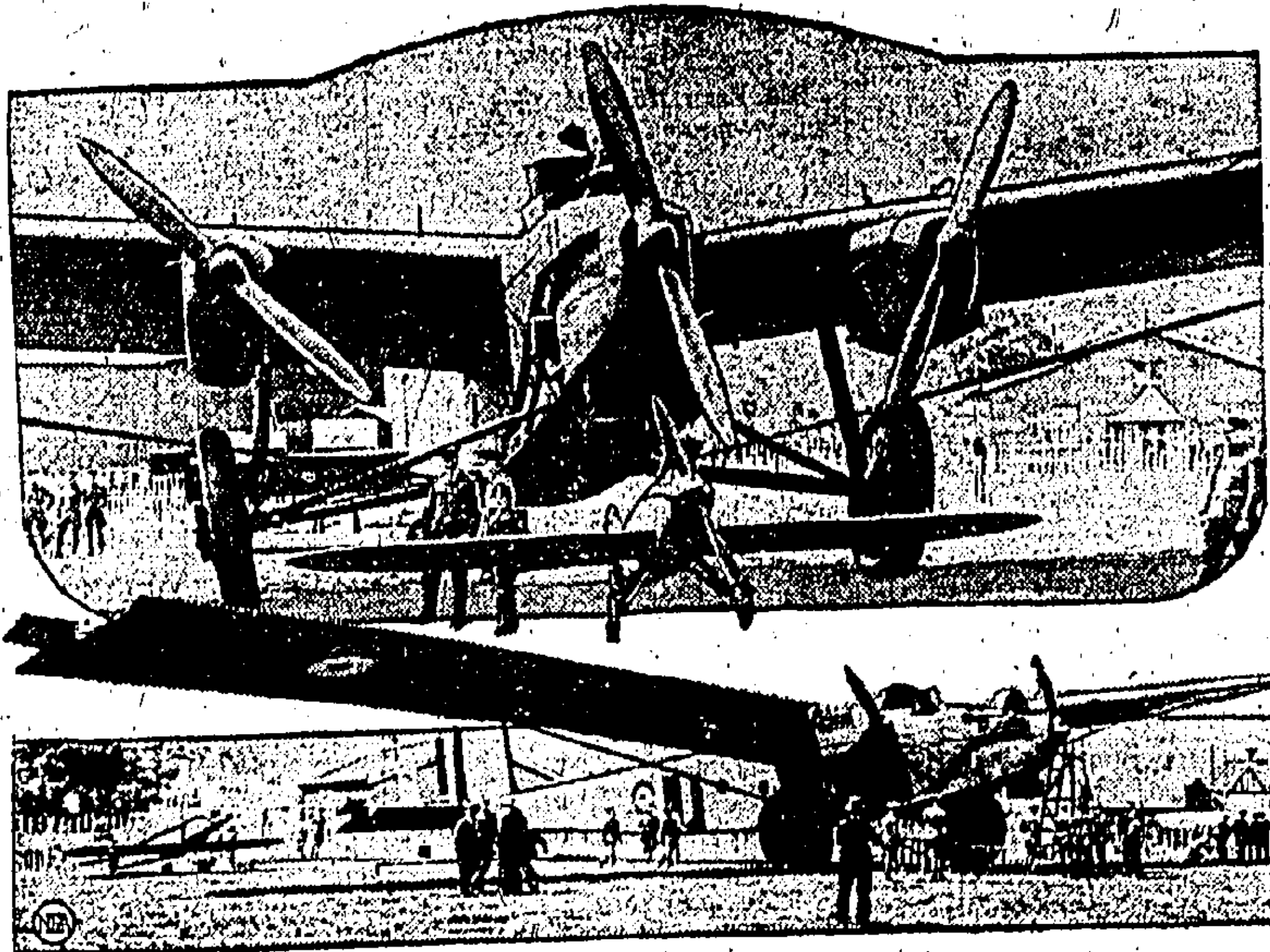
A scene from "Vanity," a Producers Distributing Corporation film just released.



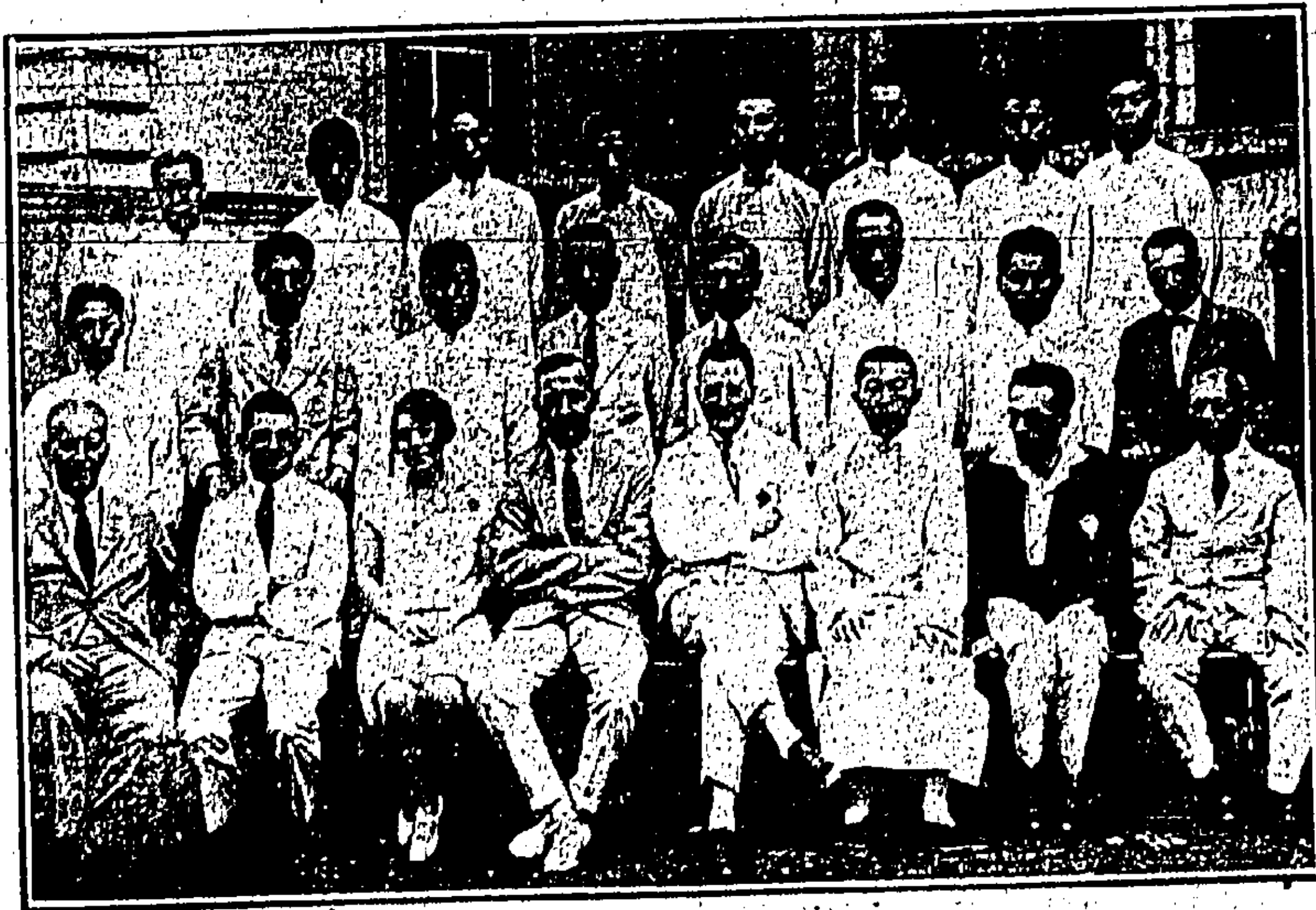
"And from this sentence there can be no appeal," intoned M. Wyshinski, President of the Russian Tribunal, in sentencing to death eleven of the men accused of sabotage in the Donetz Basin. Below are some of the doomed men as they heard the verdict.



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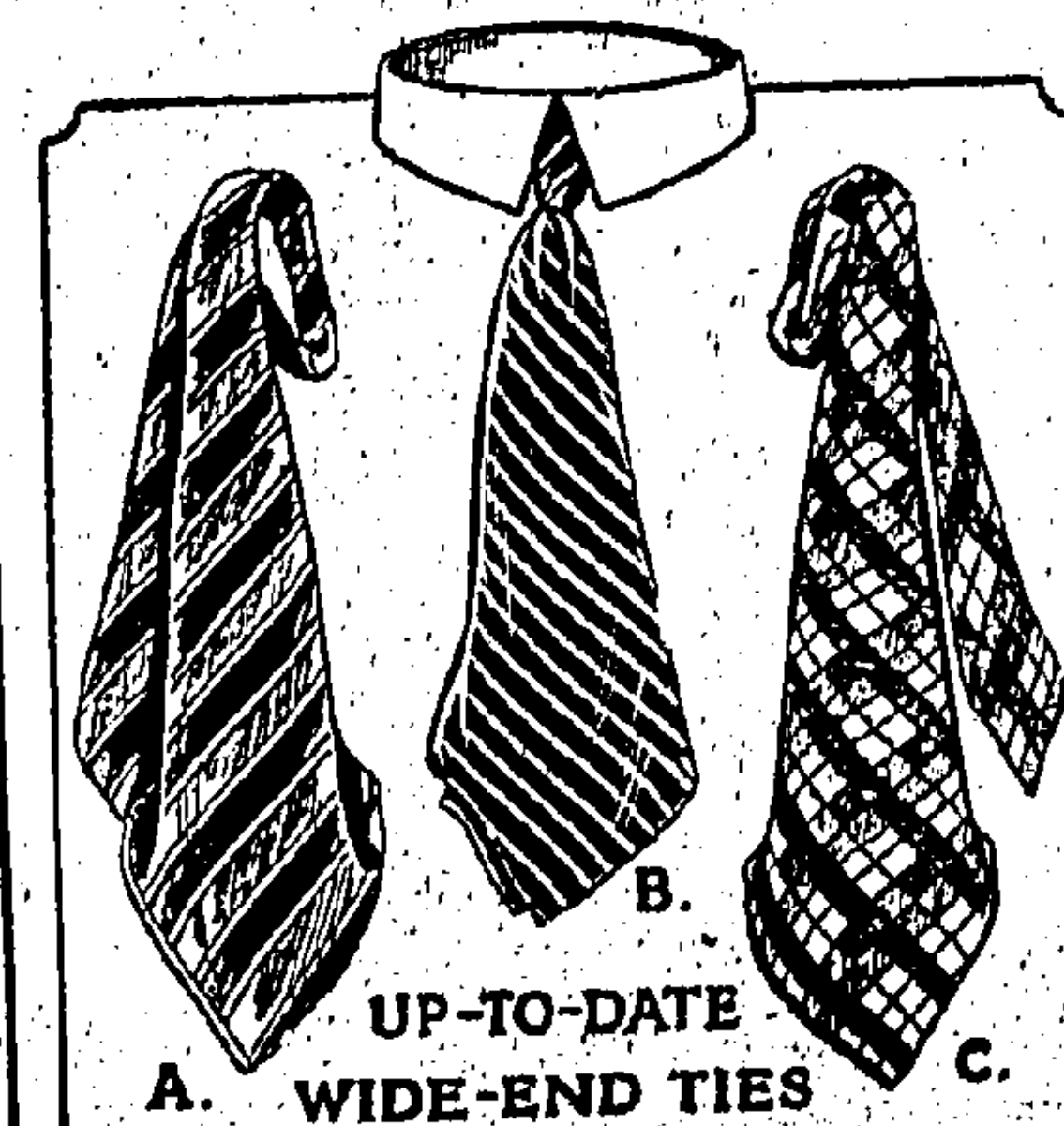
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21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended August 24th, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2.7/16d.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., made a net profit of \$369,596 for the six months ended December 31st, 1906. An interim dividend of \$4 was declared.

The Hon. Mr. (later Sir) William Rees Davies was given a warm welcome at the Supreme Court when appearing for the first time as Attorney General.

The American, W. Adsett, who was "wanted" in Hongkong for the murder of an American girl named Gertrude Dayton, escaped from the British Gaol at Chefoo, but was later re-arrested.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company decided to increase its capital by a million dollars, by the issue of 20,000 shares of \$50 each.

Dr. J. W. Hartley was appointed Surgeon-Lieutenant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

At a meeting of the Court of the Hongkong College of Medicine, Kwan King-hung and Li Ho-ching were presented with diplomas on completing five years' study and passing all the professional examinations.

DANGEROUS MANIACS AT LARGE.

SET FREE DURING A FIRE.

Nashville, Tenn., July 27.

A fire which broke out last night in the Central Insane Asylum made it necessary to release several scores of the patients, some of whom were dangerous maniacs.

The patients fled along the highway into the city. The total number of inmates of the institution was 1,272, but not all were turned loose.

Police reserves of Nashville had to be called out, and had some trouble in gaining control over the patients who had remained in the hospital, whose excitement had reached a very high pitch.

Those who had fled gradually rounded up, and finally all were accounted for.

An Exchange telegram says a flash of lightning had started the fire, which immediately spread throughout the institution.

The keepers opened the cells, and many patients, clad only in their night clothes or wrapped in sheets, fled into the countryside.

LETTER GOLF.

To-day's letter golf puzzle takes the cake—of ice. It's ICE to BOB, and don't let the shortness of the words deceive you into thinking it's too easy. Perhaps you can beat the par solution of eight strokes.

I	C	E
B	O	X

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation as follows:—
Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwong Chow Wan, Fort Bayard, Tchokam, Holhow, Amoy, Foochow and Wuchow, etc.

Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Address—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

A direct service to Yunnan Province has been opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word, no charge will be collected from the addressee in Yunnan.

Commencing 12th June the radio telegraphic rate between Hong Kong and Canton is reduced to 20 cents (Hongkong currency) per word. No charges will be payable by addressee at either end.

The public are particularly warned against the practice of sending coin through the post in letters. The practice besides involving risk of loss is directly in contravention of the Post Office Ordinance and the P.M.G. may be compelled to take proceedings under that Ordinance.

The Money Order Office has been removed to the Public Hall on the ground floor of the G.P.O.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Monroe	August 25.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	August 25.
Manila	Empress of Russia	August 26.
Europe via Negapatnam, papers only		
London 26th July	Japan	August 26.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft	August 27.
Shanghai	Gambada	August 27.
Saligon	Athos II	August 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Chenonceaux	August 28.
Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutz	August 29.
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London 2nd Aug., and parcels 26th July)	Kashgar	August 30.
Shanghai	Naldern	August 31.
Hakozaki Maru		
Strails	St. Albans	September 2.
Australia and Manila		
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	September 3.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Fri., Aug. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sarpedon	Fri., Aug. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Holhow Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limechow	Fri., Aug. 24, 5 p.m.
Strails, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles		
	Kashima Maru	Sat., Aug. 25.
	K. P. O.	
	Registration Fri., 24th 4.30 p.m.	
	Letters	Aug. 25, 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration Aug. 25, 8.45 a.m.	
	Letters	Aug. 25, 9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 23rd September)	
Haiphong	Tonkin	Sat., Aug. 25, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Lee	Sat., Aug. 25, 1.30 p.m.
Strails and Calcutta	Namsang	Sat., Aug. 25.
	Parcels	1 noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	Pres. Monroe	Sat., Aug. 25, 5 p.m.
Manila		
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Sat., Aug. 25, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kianzu	Sun., Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Sun., Aug. 26, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Strails and Calcutta	Namsang	Mon., Aug. 27.
	Parcels	1 noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.

Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Canada and Europe via San Francisco

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Saligon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via

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LETTER-STAMPING.

PUBLIC'S CARELESSNESS CAUSES DELAY.

A good deal of carelessness is shown by the general public in stamping letters. Only yesterday, half of the letters received at the Hong Kong Post Office had their stamps affixed to the opposite side to the address, and of those stamped on the address side fully one half had the stamps inconveniently placed. This, as can readily be imagined, causes considerable delay in facing the letters for the cancellation of the stamps. It may also cause delay at the post office of destination.

The Postmaster General recommends the public to adopt the following uniform practice:

(1) In the case of letters addressed in European script along the length of the envelope the stamps should be fixed as near as possible to the right-hand corner above the address.

(2) In the case of letters addressed in Chinese character vertically the stamps should be fixed as near as possible to the left-hand corner above the address.

In particular stamps should not be fixed to the opposite side of the envelope to that on which the address appears.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. M. Doffy, second officer, Kueichow, has gone second officer, Kaigan, is on reserve.

Mr. D. Buchanan, second officer, Anhui, has gone second officer, Kueichow. Mr. F. E. B. Steer, from reserve, has gone second officer, Anhui.

Mr. T. A. Ellis, sup'y second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Suiyang.

Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, Anhui, has gone chief officer, Antung. Mr. W. T. Paul, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Anhui.

Mr. D. Needham, second officer, Nanchang, has gone second officer, Liangchow. Mr. R. Bird has been appointed second officer, Nanchang.

Mr. E. J. Hankin has been appointed sup'y second officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. R. F. Young, third engineer officer, Wuchang, has gone third engineer officer, Changchow. Mr. J. J. Jamieson, third engineer officer, Changchow, has gone third engineer officer, Nanking.

Mr. G. Cormack, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. W. F. Cowan, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Szechuen.

Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, sup'y third engineer officer, Hsin Peking, has gone third engineer officer, Whangpu.

Mr. A. E. F. Smith has been appointed third officer, Foshing.

Mr. J. R. Evans, second officer, Chakung, has gone acting chief officer, Chakung, same ship. Mr. E. Lang, chief officer, Chakung, has resigned.

Mr. H. G. Goddard, second officer, Mausan, has gone sup'y second officer, Chakung. Mr. G. Boyle, third officer, Chakung, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. T. A. Howard, second officer, Changchow, has gone second officer, Kuto. Mr. C. R. Harris, second officer, Kuto, has gone second officer, Changchow.

Mr. N. D. Fletcher has been appointed second officer, Suifu. Mr. L. Bence, second officer, Suifu, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Manson, third engineer officer, Mausan, gone sup'y third engineer officer, Kueichow.

Mr. W. Croble, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Siangwo. Mr. M. Hull, chief engineer officer, Siangwo, is on reserve.

Mr. E. G. Ritchie, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Pausang. Captain J. R. Smith, from reserve, has gone master, Wing Lee. Mr. M. M. Affanassieff, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Wing Lee.

Captain G. W. Sinclair, of the Pook On, has gone master, Kwong Yung. Captain J. Hardinge, of the Kwong Yung, has gone master, Pook On.

Shipping and Engineering.

After undergoing a refit, costing £170,000, H.M.S. Barham left Portsmouth recently to rejoin the Mediterranean Fleet.



When sightseeing from building tops, it's well to forget this is leap year.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

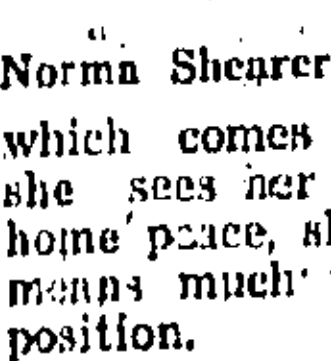


The mermaids of today and yesteryear—here they are—and is it any wonder the wild waves are saying things? They have seen such strange things in the last century or so, and they never know what's coming next. The damsel of 1860, whose wont it was to hide in a young tent, is shown up there to the left, and from that day down to 1927 and 1928 the worry about what to wear at the beach has been steadily diminishing. Miss 1928 in the centre is wearing what is called the "off-and-on," a tulle skirt that is detachable, leaving a one-piece suit something like Miss 1927 is shown wearing.

One Minute Interviews.

IT'S WISE WIFE WHO CAN DRAW LINE BETWEEN HOME AND JOB.

"In these days when careers for women are becoming the accepted status, it's a wise person indeed who knows when a career should stop for the wife and mother role," is the belief of Norma Shearer, movie star, who in private life is Mrs. Irving Thalberg. "In the first place, there should be no conflict between a home and a career," she asserted. "If a woman finds her career incompatible with the welfare of the family, she will willingly give it up for the greater happiness of husband and children. There will not be any question which comes first. As soon as she sees her job encroaching on home peace, she will realize this means much more to her than a position. Unless a woman can combine the two without hurting the more important job of being a wife, I believe the average woman is far happier in her normal status of home-maker. This gives the woman with definite talent, or the one who has more ambition than her husband, a real problem. Only she can decide it. But I think the majority of women feel that love and a home are, after all, the most important things in life."



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Women Golfers.

POINTS FOR LONG HANDICAP.

In using an iron, the need for perfect control of the club is even greater than with a wooden club, hence a shorter upward swing with the iron is not unorthodox. Turf lifting and ball hacking are aggravating faults associated with iron play which are frequently accounted for by over-swinging. Those long-handicap women players who complain of fouling iron shots should look to their swing. Shorten that upward swing until the club is under complete control.

It is not sufficiently appreciated that iron club play requires slightly different methods from tee shots with wood. For instance the player should stand nearer the ball, causing a more upright stance, allowing the head of the club to have its natural lie.

By standing an iron club on the ground, holding it lightly, the position for the stance is indicated. Have the ball closer to the left foot than the right. In this position the ball is more readily lifted clear, the ball is more readily lifted clear, giving that satisfying feeling of having got it well up. The sweeping movement referred to in connection with wooden club play, should take place a little earlier when using an iron, but this will be effected automatically if the player is standing nearer or more over the ball.

Let it again be emphasised "slow back." But it should also be remembered that the start of the downward swing should be equally slow, otherwise the rhythm is destroyed. Accelerate on the way down until full speed is obtained at the moment of impact.

Concentrate on the Shot.

Don't take turf before the ball. Get under and at the ball first, and after, on the way through, there is no objection to taking a small bit of turf, it helps to steady the shot. Make sure to follow right through, with the club finishing well up towards the left shoulder. The follow through is an important factor.

The suggestions for iron play are:

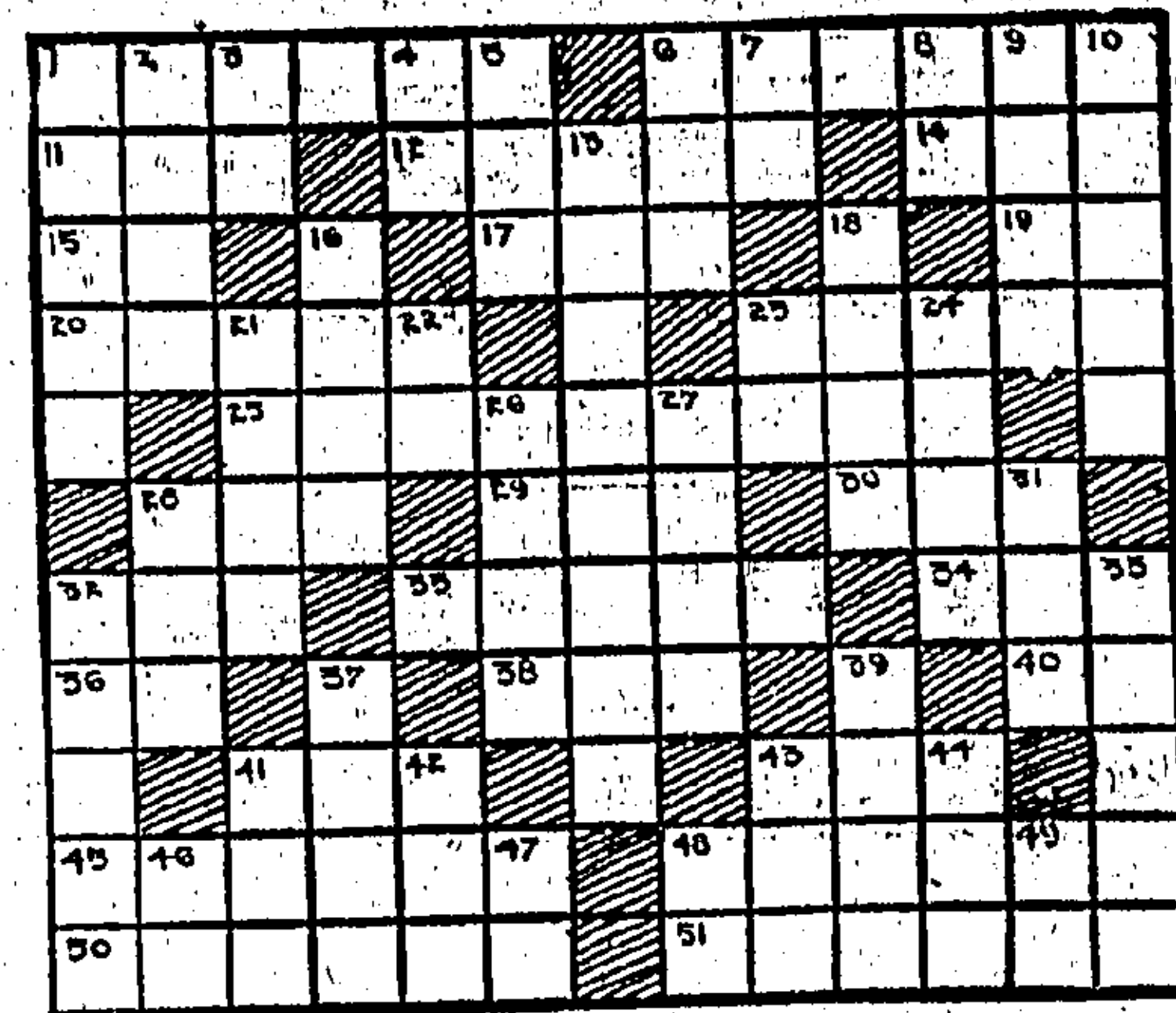
- (1) Stand well up to the ball with feet firm.
- (2) Play the ball off the left foot.
- (3) Take a short, slow, upward swing.
- (4) Start slowly on the downward swing and accelerate on the journey.
- (5) Hit the ball first, not turf.
- (6) Let the club follow right through.

A few words about the "shut face," i.e. bringing the club head down on the ball. This is a prolific source of much trouble, and an effective remedy is to grip (especially with the left hand) more over instead of along the shaft. The wrist should be pointing up the shaft towards the body. It may be found that this grip is rather cramping but one soon gets accustomed to it.

The following are a few important "don'ts":

- Don't take the eye off the ball when swinging, or move the head!
- Don't think about rising on the toes or pivoting!
- Don't on any account let the club touch the shoulder during the swing!
- Don't hurry—ease with firmness is the secret of success!
- Don't forget to concentrate on the shot!

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

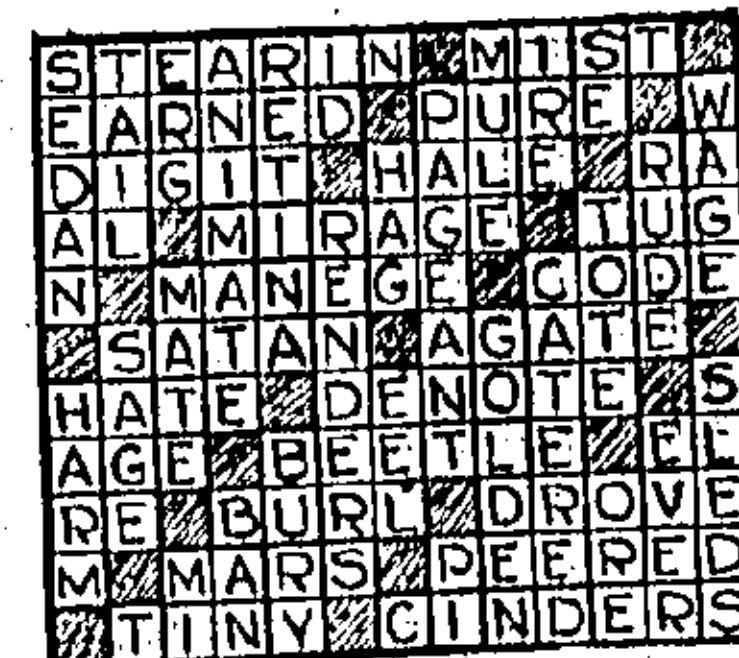
- 1 Who was the English founder of Methodism?
- 6 Who gave the keynote speech at the Democratic convention?
- 11 Farewell!
- 12 Female horses.
- 14 Who was the second son of Noah? (Bib.)
- 15 You.
- 17 Cooking utensil.
- 19 Seventh note in scale.
- 20 Titles.
- 21 Drowned bread.
- 25 An annulling.
- 26 Pastry.
- 28 Unit.
- 30 Mead of lace.
- 32 To commit to memory.
- 33 Organs of smell.
- 34 Relatively soft plug.
- 36 Paid publicly.
- 38 To bow.
- 40 To depart.
- 41 Organ of sound.
- 43 Exclamation of surprise.
- 45 A cylindrical movable body.
- 48 Places in line.
- 50 A rock resembling the roe of fish cemented together.
- 51 To entertain amply.

Vertical

- 1 Who is the most successful feminine writer of jazz music?
- 2 Source of ipecac.
- 3 Point of compass.
- 4 Standard of type measure.
- 5 To yelp.
- 7 Wager.
- 8 None.
- 9 Exclamation of inquiry.
- 10 Rodents.
- 10 Who is the U.S. Democratic nominee for "president"?

- 18 Who is the U.S. Democratic nominee for "vice president"?
- 16 Who is the goddess of youth in Greek mythology?
- 21 Principal.
- 22 Therefore.
- 23 Seventh note in scale.
- 24 Over again.
- 26 Fish-eating, diving bird.
- 27 Set up as a golf ball.
- 28 Seed bag.
- 31 Laleh.
- 32 Near what city in Egypt is the "Sphinx"?
- 35 To immerse.
- 37 Dialect from Sanakrit.
- 39 To what national party did Abraham Lincoln belong before he became a Republican?
- 41 Measure of cloth.
- 42 To soak fix.
- 43 Beer.
- 44 Collection of facts.
- 46 Yellow Hawaiian bird.
- 47 Second note in scale.
- 48 Measure of area.
- 49 Deity.

Yesterday's Solution.



RECORD FIGURES.

"SUN INSURANCE OFFICE REPORT."

The annual general meeting of the members of the Sun Insurance Office, Ltd., was held recently at No. 63 Threadneedle Street, London. The Hon. Sir Wm. Goschen (Chairman of the Company) presided.

Fire Account.

The amount transferred from this account to the Profit and Loss Account amounted to £403,545 (which included £85,342 interest). Therefore, taking the fire account as a whole, the ratio of the profit—namely 12.26 per cent.—must be considered abnormally good and emphasises the value of the fire business to the Company.

Marine Account.

They were able to make a transfer to the Profit and Loss Account of £30,865 besides transferring £20,000 to an additional reserve, so that there would be a reserve of 100% of the premiums, after providing for claims both paid and outstanding.

The amount transferred to profit and loss account from the Personal Accident, Employers' Liability, Burglary and General Accounts, totalled £52,954.

Profit and Loss.

Coming to the Profit and Loss Account, it was found that both the interest earnings and aggregate amount transferred from the various underwriting accounts were larger than in any year in the history of the office. While the profit on exchange for the year under review amounted to £6,944-13-6d.

On the subject of reserves, the Chairman said that while £100,000 had been transferred to General Reserve last year, the transfer proposed was a quarter of a million sterling, bringing this fund up to the million mark.

Income from investments which last year stood at £206,123 this year reached the figure of £229,773 an increase of over £23,650. The directors, after careful consideration had agreed to recommend a final dividend of 12s. each share, less tax, making a total distribution per share in respect of 1927 of 23s. less tax. This will absorb £222,237 10s. which is less than the total income from investments by £7,536 3s. 3d. The credit balance of the Profit and Loss Account in the balance sheet stood at £536,106 19s. 1d.

Financial Position.

The income for the year 1922 was £2,842,727, while in 1927 it was £4,031,689. In 1922 the interest received was £144,579, as against £229,773 last year. The investments in 1922 amounted to £4,274,542, while the balance sheet for 1927 records investments at £5,877,000, an increase of over one third during the latest five years in the history of a Company now in its 219th year.

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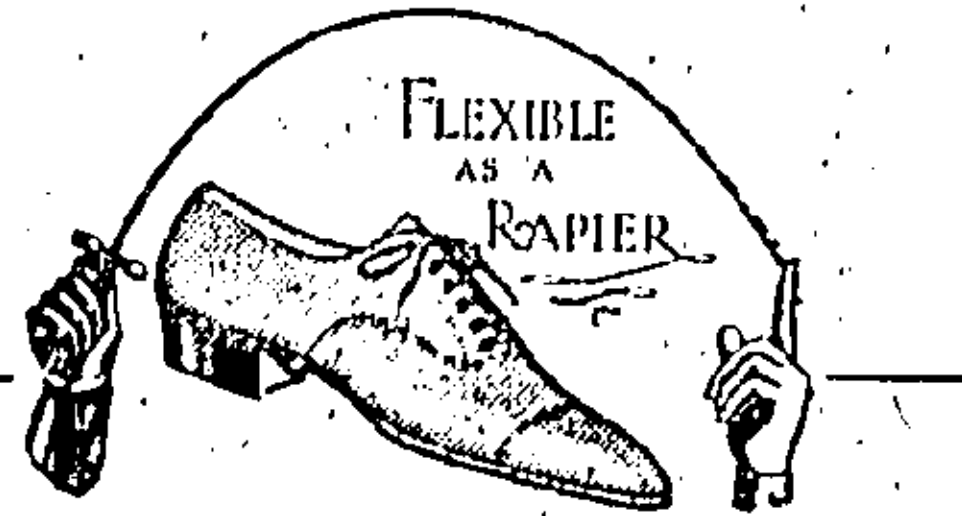
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PROHIBITION.

As the United States Presidential campaign gathers force, it is becoming increasingly evident that the Prohibition issue is to play an important part in the forthcoming election. On paper, the attitude of the Republicans and Democrats, as revealed by the "platforms" adopted by the National Conventions, are identical: both favour strict enforcement of the Volstead Act. In actual fact, however, there is a sharp conflict of viewpoint, for the chosen candidate of the Democrats has come out definitely for repeal or amendment of the existing law on the subject. It was, of course, known by the Democrats in convention that Governor Smith was not a "Dry," and the Party programme notwithstanding, he has made it clear that he adheres to the stand which he has always taken up. We may therefore expect a lively controversy on the issue during the next two or three months.

Viewing the matter from a detached point of view, we should say that Governor Smith's policy is one which is likely to make a big appeal to the people of America. Certainly he is on better ground than Mr. Hoover, for the simple reason that the Republicans are in a position of having to admit widespread un-enforcement of the law. The Prohibition Act, it must be remembered, is a Republican measure. It professes absolutely to prohibit the sale of alcoholic liquor, but it is common knowledge that strong drink can be obtained almost everywhere throughout the country. Therefore when the Republicans now come forward as the apostles of strict enforcement, the obvious retort is that they have failed to operate their own law in the past and that there is no guarantee that they will enforce it in the future. The Democrats, on the other hand, take up the much more reasonable line when they contend that it is an undue interference with personal liberty to attempt to prohibit the use of alcohol as a beverage, and that the wiser plan is to control and not suppress the traffic. That, at any rate, is the experience of practically every country. "Bootlegging," which is common to all parts of the United

States, is one of the evils which arises from attempted prohibition, and there is much in Governor Smith's declaration that this provides a sound argument in favour of amendment or repeal of the Volstead Act. He also puts forward a very sound proposal when he suggests that each State should fix its own standard of alcoholic content, subject to a proviso that the standard does not exceed a maximum laid down by Congress.

It is not easy, of course, for us in this part of the world to estimate the likely attitude of the people of America generally on this Prohibition question, although we have no doubt that there is a large section favourable to some reasonable amendment of the law, which would place the matter on a far better footing than it is at present. The Republicans themselves are obviously divided on the subject, witness the declaration just made by Professor Nicholas Murray Butler, one of the Party's most distinguished leaders, when he says that the only alternative to repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment is a continuance of "lawlessness and debauchery." The existing state of affairs is certainly no credit to the present Administration, which will, we should imagine, have some difficulty in persuading the people to leave the further solution of the problem in its hands. Many other issues will, naturally, affect the electorate in their final choice of a new President, and some of these may overshadow the Prohibition question. But on the "wet" and "dry" question, the Democrats would appear to be on the better wicket.

Disarmament Problems.

The suggestion that Britain and France have reached an agreement on disarmament wider than the much-discussed naval compromise is given colour by the general statements published in London and Paris. It seems to be a fact in return for French concessions on naval matters England is prepared to agree to the French thesis concerning land forces. This does not, however, explain the deep distress in which that sober-minded journal, the *Manchester Guardian*, finds itself. We are inclined to the view that, for once in a while, Manchester has spoken out of its turn and is taking the matter much too seriously. Whether land armaments or naval armaments, or both, are concerned, it is impossible to overlook the fundamental consideration that before anything definite can be settled, the whole question will have to be thrashed out when the proposals are submitted for the approval of the other Powers at the Preparatory Disarmament Conference. The difference will be that Britain and France on this occasion will be in perfect harmony from the start and will suggest a detailed and practical, rather than a moral step towards world peace. We see nothing very terrible in the French attitude on land armaments. The position upheld by France is that only the number actually under arms should be calculated in the size of an army. Britain wished to include reserves also. But France also puts forward the sound proposition that in considering disarmament proposals, the potential military strength of a country, including rapidity of mobilisation and the transference of factories from peace to war work, should be estimated. The object of the Anglo-French discussions, we are told, was to find a formula sufficiently elastic to be accepted by all nations. The proposals have not been published in order that they may be stretched or perhaps slackened when particular conditions imposed on some other country in its solitude for security may be taken into account. London still fears that American opposition will result in the whole plan coming to nothing, and it is interesting in this connection to quote a Paris commentator on the subject, written for the United States, had been made aware of the naval proposals. He says: "Some fears are expressed that America, who since the time of President Wilson, has had a tacitly recognised monopoly in the negotiation of peace proposals may feel piqued that a preliminary arrangement should have been made without her." This perhaps optimistic attitude of other critics, who surmised that the agreement has been made possible, feel certain there must be something wrong somewhere.

GARDENING IN
HONGKONG.PRACTICAL HINTS FOR
AUGUST.

No-one can have a well-kept and well cultivated garden without being to a considerable extent his own head gardener, and he must, for the most part, take the soil as he finds it. However, it is of the utmost importance that any soil, good or bad, must be thoroughly worked.

Turn it over and let the sun bake and purify it, ridding it of weeds. Have this done constantly so as to be in readiness for the work of the month, viz. seed sowing.

The best method of sowing will, to some extent, depend upon the kind of seed to be sown. Use garden soil which has been well dried in the sun and then sieved. Take clean pots, place a few crooked pot-sheds above the hole and fill three-fourths of the pot with your prepared soil. Press down firmly and evenly, and cover with a layer of finely sieved soil. Remember well that the finer the seed the less the covering and vice versa.

Should there be any sign of ants, place your seed pots on tables or stands, the legs of which stand in bowls filled with kerosene has been added.

It is advisable to sow seeds on the upper levels at least a month before doing so on the lower levels.

Cineraria: These seeds should be the first to be sown. Sow in pots and shade with glass. Prick off the seedlings, as soon as they attain the fourth leaf, into small pots, and when they have made more growth, move again into the pots in which they are to remain, using rich light soil. A mixture of Canton mud, leaf-soil and stable manure is, perhaps, the best potting compost.

Keep them protected from the strong rays of the sun and fairly moist and they will bloom in great beauty.

Heliotrope:—Most of the plants we see here are propagated from cuttings and cannot compare in any way to the ones grown from seeds. It is more troublesome possibly, but the result amply repays one for it.

Primula:—The seeds of the variety *Sinensis* and *stellata* should be sown under glass and transplanted as soon as they can be handled easily, using the same compost as advised for Cineraria. Do not attempt to grow these plants except in a greenhouse. The variety *Malacoides* is, however, very hardy and suitable to grow in the open garden. This is a very beautiful plant with small dainty pink flowers.

Sweet Peas:—The early flowering also called the Winter flowering is the ideal Sweet Pea for the climate of Hongkong. If the seeds are sown at the end of this month and at intervals after, there should be a constant succession of flowers. The preparation of the soil should be taken in hand at once if it has not already been done.

Toward the end of the month, sow seeds of *Petunia*, *Antirrhinum*, *Dahlia* and *Freesia*.

Plant out tubers of *Dahlia* and bulbs of *Freesia*, and insert cuttings of *Marguerites*, *Salvias*, *Marigolds*, *Cosmos*, and *Verbenas*.

Vegetable Garden:—The work of this month should be devoted to preparatory work such as digging, manuring and ridding your ground of weeds. If desired for early use, sowing of celery, cauliflower, lettuce, radish and tomato should be made. Bear in mind, however, that the weather at this time of the year is very uncertain and special care should be taken to protect the seedlings from strong sunshine and heavy rains.

Manure:—This is a most important matter. The soil in Hongkong is poor and to obtain good results we have to feed the plants constantly with manure. Horse and cow manures are the best, but it is not advisable to procure them now unless they are at least three to four months old. There is a very good herring manure on the market as well as many other artificial fertilisers which have yielded good results.

If you have not already done so, you will find that a dressing of lime is invaluable. Remember never apply lime and stable manure at the same time.

LATE DR. BALFOUR.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY
VALLEY.

There was a large attendance of friends and colleagues at the funeral at Happy Valley this morning, of the late Dr. D. H. Balfour, who died at the Seamen's Institute early yesterday morning.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave officiated while others present included Mr. G. H. Sellwood, manager of the Seamen's Institute, Mr. Watt, assistant manager of the Seamen's Institute, Messrs. Aggan, Allen Brown, John Wilson and numerous others.

Several wreaths were laid on the grave from friends.

TRADE & SHOPPING
GUIDE.USEFUL NEW HONGKONG
PUBLICATION.

"Leh's Trade and Shopping Guide of Hongkong," which has just made its appearance, can certainly be described as one of the best dollar's worth ever offered to the public here.

Comprising nearly five hundred pages, it is a mine of information and should find a ready place both in the home and the office. Several of its features fill a long-felt want. For example, not only is there a directory of the main buildings of the Colony, but there are admirable maps of the business section of the city, in which streets and buildings are clearly set out, and, what is more, the numbers also indicated.

These are given both in English and Chinese—a system which

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that—

Bowen Road was built by convict labour and was named after Sir George Ferguson Bowen, who was Governor from 1883 till 1887?

Sir George Bowen, in the first year of his office, succeeded in obtaining from the Home Government, a small measure of popular representation, in that the Chamber of Commerce and the Justices of the Peace, were allowed to nominate members of the Legislative Council.

Sir Thomas Jackson (for the Chamber) and Mr. F. D. Sassoon (for the Justices) were the first so elected.

is followed right through the book—so that it is an easy matter to ascertain precisely where a certain street number is located. Another excellent feature is a classified list of all types of business, foreign, and Chinese, set out in Chinese, by reference to which a houseboy or office employee can easily get into touch with any particular shop or firm on behalf of his employer.

All the firm names included in the book are given addresses and telephone numbers, whilst there is also much information in regard to motor-bus, tramway, ferry and railway services. At one dollar, the Guide is remarkably cheap.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

INTERESTING LAWN BOWLS
SNAPSHOTS.

Lawn bowls will figure prominently in the pictures to appear in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph*. There will be a series of interesting snapshots of the play in the match between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Police Recreation Club, which resulted in a narrow win for the former; whilst groups of the Craigengower and K. C. C. teams will also appear. Craigengower, by their win last week, become League Champions.

Amongst other pictures will be a striking photo of H.M.S. *Castor*, at anchor in harbour, and another showing the two new County class cruisers, H.M.S. *Kent* and H.M.S. *Berwick*, lying alongside the naval camber.

HOUSE-COOLIE AND
REVOLVER.SHOOTING INCIDENT
RECALLED.

Having been discharged from hospital earlier than expected, a house-coolie, who was shot by a detective on Saturday last, following resistance to a search, appeared in the dock at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver.

Prosecuting officer requested that the case should be tried by two Magistrates, Mr. Schofield thereupon remanding the accused till to-morrow.

A date for hearing will be fixed when the Magistrate has communicated with Major Wilson.

TYPHOON IN THE OFFING.

A feeble anticyclone is central over Mid-Japan. A typhoon is shown about 150 miles N.N.E. of Manila moving W.N.W.

The local forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-East winds, moderate; fine.

The Very Idea!

Although Oxford has decided that the recent rapier duel between Mr. Graham Eyres-Monsell and Mr. Maurice Green was a less serious affair than at first represented, the Proctors have fined the duellists \$10 each and their seconds \$5 each.

An undergraduate weekly, of which Mr. Green is editor, is credited with a design to raise a fund for the payment of the fines. Another university journal claims to have identified the mysterious "German doctor" who attended the duel as an undergraduate named Bowen.

Fly,

You must die!
All the health authorities say you must,
So I trust
You will not think I am unduly cruel.

For handing out your gruel.
In any case
I don't like your face!

(I saw an enlarged photograph of it in a book
And my dislike of your look
Was intense!)

Besides, your buzzing gives offence;

You seem to think my head is a promenade,
Whereas it is strictly barred;

And when you catch sight Of food you appear to think you've a right
To a bite!

Well, you're mistaken! Get off the bacon.
So that I can swat you
GOT YOU!

The Archbishop used to be the censor of the Press; now it is the other way round.—The Archbishop of Canterbury.

A woman's vote is as good as a man's, but in saying this I do not wish to be understood as expressing very great admiration for it.—Lord Sumner.

Alexander the Great, if he were living to-day, would weep, not because there were no more worlds to conquer, but because there were no more papers in which his photograph could appear.—Mr. Robert Lynd.

We are in sight of a generation which might be described as a generation of omniscient babies.—The Bishop of Durham.

A Jew and an Aberdonian were haled before justice on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. The chief witness was the policeman who arrested them, who gave it as his opinion that they were not only drunk, but mad drunk.

"The Scotsman," he said, "was sitting on the ground throwing away half crowns, and the Jew was running after them and handing them back to him."

A commercial traveller, during an extensive tour of the provinces, took his wife with him. Being exceedingly nervous about fires, he frequently impressed on her the necessity of keeping a cool head should the danger occur.

At one hotel at which they were staying, a fire actually broke out. The commercial traveller aroused his wife, assisted her to dress, and, to demonstrate the value of presence of mind, reached for his frock-coat and silk hat and umbrella, and accompanied his wife to the street.

There they watched the firemen in their work of subduing the flames. "And now," remarked the husband to his wife, "you see the advantage of having a cool head."

"Yes, John," was the reply, "but you might have put on your trousers."

Tottenham policeman of an ice cream vendor summoned for obstructing the streets. Even when under arrest and on the way with his cart to the police station he frequently pulled up and sold ice cream.

Wood Green motorist summoned for excessive speed: I was trying a new spirit, a more expensive kind. Magistrate (fanning him): It is going to be: Man at Tottenham: To "hit" is to strike with the flat; to "alash" is to give a person a backhander.

Complaining wife at Old Street: My husband had spasms on the couch. Mr. Snell: I cannot grant you a separation because of that.

Willesden man: A man challenged me to fight three times and I refused, then, the first time I challenged him, he called in the police and gave me in charge.

John Sheehan a seven-year-old youngster, living with his parents near Coventry, was recently killed in pathetic circumstances, while paying heed to an age-old superstition.

Seeing a solitary crow—which is believed to be unlucky—he rushed across the road with a view to drawing his playmates' attention to the bird so that they might avert the evil omen. He was knocked down by a passing motor and killed.

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VOLUNTEER AQUATIC SPORTS.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

An attractive and somewhat unusual programme has been drawn up for the H.K.V.D.C. aquatic sports to be held at the V.R.C. Bath to-night, the organisers having been rewarded by a strong entry list.

Much interest will be taken in the first event scheduled, a four lengths race in which the competitors will be limited to certain styles over each length, while an exciting contest is expected in the inter-company team race.

The sports will close with a water polo match between the Volunteers and the K.O.S.B., after which there will be dancing to the strains of the Lyric Orchestra.

The programme of events is as follows:

- 100 Yards, Four Styles. (18 entries).
 - 50 Yards, Blindfold. (19 entries).
 - 50 Yards, Free Style. (12 entries).
 - Nomination Race (17 entries).
 - High Diving. (9 entries).
 - Inter-Company Team Race (6 teams).
 - Water Polo Match.
- The sports start at 9 p.m., and at the close Miss Peggy Bird is to distribute the prizes.

PING PONG LEAGUE.

SENIOR DIVISION MATCH.

A large crowd witnessed the hard struggle between the South China A.A. and the Wah Yan O.B.U. when the teams met for the first time last evening at the premises of the Chinese Catholic Society. In spite of the fact that the Wah Yan O.B.U. team included the ping pong champion and runner-up of Canton, as well as the local champion, Ng Tai-ping, the South China A.A. held the lead from the very beginning until 11 p.m., when the match had to be stopped.

As mutually agreed upon beforehand, however, the remaining games will be played off some time before the end of the present league, and judging by the results already attained, the South China team have every probability of maintaining the lead.

The local champion, although in his best form, found it no easy task to score, and in his match against the South China Captain, he had to content himself with only one game in the set.

The Canton champion, Wong Mo-ping, had great difficulty in maintaining his usual form against Wong Tung-hoi and Ko Yan-cheung of South China A.A., as on both occasions all the games went in favour of his opponents. All the matches, however, were very keenly contested, each individual point being keenly fought for.

LAWN TENNIS.

HONG DOUBLES DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

The final of the annual Hong Doubles had been reached, the first semi-final match being decided yesterday afternoon when W. D. Fiddes Wilson and R. Gordon Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd., beat Rev. Alexander and Lieut. Col. Wyatt by 8-6, 6-3, 8-6. G. W. Sewell and H. Owen Hughes reached the semi-final by beating T. D. E. Pender and E. D. Lawrence by 6-3, 6-2.

League Games.

In the last League match of the First Division, the University beat the Craigengower by 55 games to 44, the Happy Valley team thus finishing at the bottom of the league. The Fok-fu-fu players, who had only scored one victory, are now fourth, by virtue of a better games average.

Third Division.

The Chinese R.C. "A" easily beat the Y.M.C.A. in the Third Division and have now only their "B" team to play. This match has been fixed for Saturday and should the "A" win the Causeway Bay team will have won the three leagues for the third year in succession.

The score against the Y.M.C.A. was 73 games to 26.

Worthington Wins Close Contest.

Paymaster Lieut.-Commander R. E. Worthington, champion of the Navy, defeated N. Field by 10-8, 6-3 in the singles final of the lawn tennis tournament at Winchester.

O'Callaghan Still Champion.

The Army champion, Captain C. H. D. O'Callaghan, had little difficulty in defeating the Oxford Blue, J. W. Olmsted, in the final of the men's singles in the Hereford tournament by 6-3, 6-2.

At a sale of Cape Triangulars, held by Messrs. Harmer and Rooke, £105 was obtained for a pair of the 1855 4d. blue stamps, used with a bisected copy as 10d.

GREAT SECRETS OF THE PAST.

SCIENCE UNVEILS LIFE OF CENTURIES AGO.

SCALE OF BEING.

Scientific circles are quick to recognise that Prof. Sir Edgeworth David, the Cardiff boy who has won a world-known name by long years of deep research work in Australia, has now unveiled an undreamt-of phase of the past.

Six hundred million years is the period stated to have elapsed since the prawn-like creatures lived whose remains the Professor has collected into a new early chapter of the romance of Evolution.

And all those years are but a comparatively modern era of the sum of the history of life upon earth (says the new Science).

A Reuter message from Sydney, N.S.W., reports the receipt of the Royal Geographical Society's congratulations to the famous geologist, Professor Sir Edgeworth David, on his discovery of "pre-Cambrian" fossils in South Australia which are judged to be 600 millions of years old (as reported in *The Daily Chronicle* on July 14 last).

Up to the present summer scientists had vainly wondered what form life and taken in the fantastically remote ages more than 600,000,000 years ago.

Professor David was brushing up his knowledge of South Australian geology in anticipation of rewriting a chapter in his book on the geology of Australia.

One can guess how astonished he was to find traces of this pre-Cambrian life.

He had a very definite uprush of emotion, he confesses.

He is 70 years old, and it is something to crown a life of stupendous effort with a discovery for which palaeontologists, geologists and evolutionists have been panting for so long.

This discovery is intensely important (adds Reuter's message).

The statement that life existed 600,000,000 years ago—in a form so complex that it was already nine-tenths of the way from zero, the birth of life—may not impress the man in the street; but he ought to be interested.

Tree of Life.

"Look at it this way. If one draws a line 10ft. long to represent the life-column (the development of life on this earth), one would plot the period at which Professor David's sandworms and crinoids lived and breathed, and led their complex lives, at a point one foot from the top-end, which top-end is this moment in 1928.

"To show where the earliest man of which Science has a record—the Pithead man of 250,000 years ago—appeared, one would not be able to make a mark visible to the eye.

"For that mark should be only one two-hundredth of an inch from the end of the line, the point on which man now stands.

Comparatively Modern Man.

"It would be even more difficult to mark the period at which the Australian aboriginal crossed from Asia.

"That was about 30,000 years ago. On the 10-ft. scale, 30,000 years would represent about three five-thousandths of an inch."

This new world of fossil fauna will, Sir E. David is sure, provide palaeontologists with material sufficient to absorb them for the next hundred years.

RETURN OF 2,500 NATIVES.

"JUBILEE ARGOSY TO BONNIE SCOTLAND."

With the tartans fluttering, and to the shriek of the bagpipes, 2,500 American and Canadian Scots were welcomed home to Scotland recently.

This large contingent of returned exiles arrived in the Clyde of Greenock on board the Anchor Line Steamers Caledonia and Transylvania just after sunset, and when the glow of the sun was still on the Argyllshire hills.

The liners were met some distance down the Firth of Clyde by a pleasure steamer from Helensburgh with a large company on board, who welcomed the visitors with cheers, the singing of Scotch songs and the playing of the bagpipes.

In the Homeland.

These overseas Scots, who comprise people of all ages, will spend six or eight weeks in the homeland.

The visit has been arranged by order of the Scottish Clans, a Federation of Caledonian societies, and other Scottish organisations whose memberships extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean and from the far northern wastes of Canada to the Mexican border of the United States.

This is the jubilee year of the Order of the Clans, and the present trip, which is the largest that has yet been organised, is designated "The Jubilee Argosy to Bonnie Scotland."

HOW JAPAN VIEWS MANCHURIA.

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studying present-day conditions in China, one must not overlook the influence of the Soviet and the Third Internationale. This is all the more so, according to him, if one studied the various movements in China since the Washington Conference which somehow or another strangely coincided with the seeping of Bolshevik influence into China. He dwelt in detail on the manner in which the Third Internationale works, and said that there was not the slightest doubt that there were most intimate connexions between the Third Internationale and the Moscow Government, especially when one closely studied the "world revolution" programme of the Third Internationale.

3rd Internationale in Chinese.

"The Nationalist Government's repudiation of the so-called unequal treaties and foreign debts, the movements against 'foreign imperialism'—these are nothing but the programme of the Third Internationale translated into Chinese," he said, and added that the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen made a grave mistake when he accepted communist aid to carry out the revolution.

Mr. Honda then delivered a few back-handed slaps at the political parties of Japan, declaring that, unfortunately, they were headed by men "who had the interests of their party more at heart than those of the nation."

The policy of the present Tanaka Cabinet he characterized as "blind and unsteady," while he thought the "negative" policy of the Opposition was equally to be condemned. He expressed relief, however, that the Seiyukai (Government) party and the Minseitō (Opposition) party were, although late, now agreed on the importance of safeguarding Japan's legitimate rights and interests in Manchuria, and in respect to the autocratic manner in which China seeks to abrogate the Sino-Japanese treaty of commerce and navigation.

A Fretful Child.

"China is a fretful child," he said, "and there is no use trying to argue with her on the basis of the fundamental principles of international law or of treaty stipulations. No results will be obtained by merely arguing. It might have been better if our Foreign Office had a bigger and better heart and told Nanking 'Well, let us forget all about the various interpretations to this or that for the present and let us go ahead and conclude another treaty.'"

Referring to the subject of "dangerous thoughts" in Japan, Mr. Honda said that Japan's problems in this respect must be studied in the light of the programme of the Third Internationale. The plan of the Government to set police officers to supervise the thoughts of the nation was treated by him with ridicule. "Our police officers can't tell a Jew from a Russian, and what then can be expected of them?"

He thought that the authorities, here, in order to tackle the "thought problem," should take a page out of Great Britain's book and he suggested the employing of expert British detectives for work of this kind. "I have noticed," he said, "that the English are the best equipped and trained for work along these lines."—N. C. Daily News.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME NOW SHOWING.

Laura La Plante and Glenn Tryon are playing opposite each other in "Tanks for the Buggy Ride," the feature attraction in the current programme of the Queen's Theatre. Opinion is generally agreed on the point that this is one of the best comedies shown here, and certainly the best in which Glenn Tryon has played.

The famous juvenile dancers, Miss Cherie Valentine and Miss Tomasia Birdwell, are again appearing at the 9.20 performance. They are a never-failing "draw." It is noted that the items given to-night and to-morrow constitute a complete third series of dances, with the exception of the "Black Bottom" which has been inserted in deference to a popular demand.

Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of Hongkong, who is at present in England on leave, delivered a short address on "Hongkong" on July 20 to the members of the Committee of the Empire Parliamentary Association, who are specially studying the affairs of the Colonies. Mr. Eugene Ramsden was in the chair, and at the conclusion of the address several questions were put to Sir Cecil Clementi by members of both Houses of Parliament.

POPULAR JUVENILE DANCERS.



Another photograph of the popular young eccentric dancers, Miss Cherie Valentine and Miss Tomasia Birdwell, who are appearing at the Queen's Theatre, where their series of new dances is proving a great success.

MARSHAL FENG'S NEW POST.

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later becomes Minister of Finance. There can be no question but that the acceptance of his programme by the Fifth Plenary Session strengthened his position considerably and, since his return to Shanghai, he has given no indication of leaving his post. From sources close to him, it has been learned that he intends to remain Minister of Finance as long as it is possible to put his programme into effect, but that should he not be able to continue, he will not accept any other position.

The Kwangsi faction are taking a non-possessive attitude toward Nanking and toward all the proposed changes. They simply pay no attention to them. It is known that they are ridiculing the whole procedure at the Fifth Plenary Session and that they are taking steps still further to make "independent" the areas which they control. General Pei Chung-hsi is returning to Hankow for this purpose.

The Pivot of the Situation.

Marshal Feng's plans are the Pivot of the entire situation. He was supposed to come to Shanghai to-day, but has apparently changed his mind and gone to Anhui. It is now certain that he intends to remain in the vicinity of Nanking, which makes that city the headquarters of the Kuomintang, for Marshal Feng carried his headquarters with him. His is the only army which can be left at a distance from its commander without the danger of a mutiny.

It is of the utmost political importance to realize that the suggestion that the branch political council should be abolished came from him and that he expressed considerable annoyance that this measure was postponed to January 1. Apparently, he wants all power, now, concentrated in Nanking.—N. C. Daily News.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

M.V. Remo (D. and Co.) sailed from Kanchi on the 23rd inst. and is expected here on the 19th Sept.

M.V. Romolo (D. and Co.) sailed from Shanghai on the 23rd inst. and is due here on Sunday, the 26th inst.

S.S. Dacre Castle (D. and Co.) sailed from Honolulu on the 16th Aug. and is due in Manila on the 5th Sept.

M.V. Toledo (D. and Co.) sailed from Norfolk on the 29th July and is due in Hongkong on the 24th Sept.

M.V. Toronto (D. and Co.) sailed from Norfolk on the 14th Aug. and is due in Hongkong on the 10th Oct.

A report has been made to the police that a Chinese woman while performing a religious pilgrimage to Cattle Peak, yesterday, was attacked on the main-road near Tai Lan Chung by three men and robbed of a sum of \$80. Three girls who were accompanying the woman ran away. The robbers, who had apparently followed them all the way from Lanchikok, made good their escape.

Two Chinese cases of typhoid fever were notified yesterday.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS ON TRIAL.

SESSIONS CASE STILL CONTINUING.

The kidnapping case, in which Tam Kwai-chuen, Tam Mei, Tam Cheung, and Tam Kar-shiu, are indicted for kidnapping a Chinese fisherman named Ng Chau, and forcibly detaining him for ransom, was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

It is alleged that the prisoners abducted Ng Chau at about four o'clock on the morning of May 14, while he was fishing at Lung Knu Tan Harbour, and demanded \$800 ransom. The accused were eventually arrested in Macao.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown, while Mr. Hin-Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. F. H. Loebly, is defending.

This morning's hearing was devoted to cross-examination, by defending counsel, of Ng Chau's brother who, after seeing Ng Chau in the hands of the pirates, bound and gagged, reported the matter to the police.

Witness was questioned about the time when he was informed of the abduction by Ng Chau's wife, the time when he went to Ling Ting Island where he saw his brother and the prisoners, and the time when he reported the matter to the Hongkong Water Police.

Mr. Lo endeavoured to show that the witness could not have been at certain places at the times he said he was.

The case is proceeding.

CHEMISTS' PLAINTS.

COMPELLED TO COMPETE WITH HAIRDRESSERS.

The troubles of the retail chemist were discussed at the British Pharmaceutical Conference at Cheltenham recently.

Mr. E. Neville Peck, Cambridge, said:

In a small country town a chemist must have knowledge of and carry a stock of all sorts of commodities, many of which are unknown except in name to chemists in suburban districts. He is looked to for advice on questions which only have the remotest connexion with pharmacy and which often require knowledge of agriculture, horticulture, and veterinary science.

To make even a modest living he has to compete with hairdressers, grocers, and the fancy goods merchants, or to take up some semi-scientific line such as optics or photography.

Mr. A. E. Thorpe, Manchester, said the pharmacist was now left to stand behind the counter and very old-fashionedly to hand out patent medicines. "We should throw out all patent medicines," he said. "If the grocer wants them let him have them. That is the only way we can get back to professional pharmacy."

The engagement is announced between Lieut. Kenneth Wales Beard, R.M., and Margaret Elise, daughter of Lieut.-Col. Bird, D.S.O., and Mrs. Bird, of Hongkong.

For 37 years Professor of Mathematics in the University College and the University of Liverpool, Mr. Frank Stanton Carey has died, aged 68.

THE "CANARY" MURDER CASE

by S. S. VAN DINE AUTHOR OF THE BENSON MURDER CASE

CHARACTERS

PHILO VANCE, Attorney of New York County.
MARGARET ODELL (THE "CANARY").
CHARLES CLEAVER, a man-about-town.
KENNETH SPOTSWOOD, a manufacturer.
LOUIS MANNIX, an importer.
DR. AMBROISE LINDQUIST, a fashionable neurologist.
TONY SKEEL, a professional burglar.
WILLIAM ELMER JESSUP, telephone operator.
HARRY SPIVELY, telephone operator.
ERNEST HEATH, Sergeant of the Homicide Bureau.

THE STORY THUS FAR

The thing that baffles Vance most is the jewel case. It had been opened with a steel chisel after being battered with a poker. It was found not far from the strangled body of Margaret Odell. In no way can anyone account for the presence of anyone in the apartment at the time of the murder, yet Vance is satisfied two men were there, one of them unaware of the presence of the other. Finger-prints lead to the arrest of Tony Skeel, after Cleaver and Dr. Lindquist have been questioned.

CHAPTER XX.

(Wednesday, September 12, 9 a.m.)

The following day, which was Wednesday, not only brought forth an important and, as it appeared, conclusive development in the Odell case, but marked the beginning of Vance's active co-operation in the proceedings.

The psychological elements in the case had appealed to him irresistibly, and he felt, even at this stage of the investigation, that a final answer could never be obtained along the usual police lines. At his request, Markham had called for him at a little before nine o'clock, and we had driven direct to the district attorney's office.

Heath was waiting impatiently when we arrived. His eager and covertly triumphant expression plainly indicated good news.

"Things are breaking fine and dandy," he announced when we had sat down. He himself was too elated to relax, and stood before Markham's desk rolling a large black cigar between his fingers. "We got the Dude—six o'clock yesterday evening—and we got him right. One of the C.O. boys, named Riley, who was patrolling Sixth Avenue in the Thirties, saw him swing off a surface car and head for McAdams's Pawn-Shop. Right away Riley was on the trail of the flier on the corner, and follows the Dude into McAdams's. Pretty soon the traffic officer comes in with a patrolman, who he's picked up, and the three of 'em nab our stylish friend in the act of pawing this ring."

He tossed a square solitaire diamond in a glittered platinum setting on the district attorney's desk. "I was at the office when they brought him in, and I sent Smith with the ring up to Harlan to see what the maid had to say about it, and she identified it as belonging to Odell."

"But, I say, it wasn't a part of the jewellery the lady was swearing that night, was it, Sergeant? Vance put the question casually.

Heath jerked about and eyed him with sullen calculation. "What if it wasn't? It came out of that jimmied jewel-case—or I'm Ben Hur."

"Of course it did," murmured Vance, lapsing into lethargy.

"And that's where we're in luck," declared Heath, turning back to Markham. "It connects Skeel directly with the murder and the robbery."

"What has Skeel to say about it?" Markham was leaning forward intently. "I suppose you questioned him?"

"I'll say we did," replied the sergeant, but his tone was troubled. "We had him up all night giving him the works. And the story he tells is this; he says the girl gave him the ring a week ago, and that he didn't see her again until the afternoon of the day before yesterday. He came to her apartment between four and five—you remember the maid said she was out then—and entered and left the house by the side door, which was unlocked at that time."

"He admits he called again at half past nine that night, but he says that when he found she was out, he went straight home and stayed there."

"His alibi is that he sat up with his landlady till after midnight playing Khun Khan and drinking beer. I hopped up to his place this morning, and the old girl verified it. But that don't mean anything. The house he lives in is a pretty tough hang-out, and his landlady, besides being a heavy boozier, has been in the river a couple of times for shoplifting."

"What does Skeel say about the finger-prints?"

"He says, of course, he made 'em when he was there in the afternoon."

"And the one on the closet door-knob?"

Heath gave a derisive grunt. "He's got an answer for that, too—says he thought he heard some one coming in, and locked himself in the closet-door. Didn't want to be seen and spoil any game Odell might have been playing."

"Most considerate of him to keep out of the way," drawled Vance. "Toughen' lovely, what?"

"You don't believe the rat, do you, Mr. Vance?" asked Heath, with indignation.

"Can't say that I do. But our Antonio at least spins a consistent yarn."

"Too damn consistent to suit me," groveled the sergeant.

"That's all you could get out of him?"

"It was plain that Markham was not pleased with the results of Heath's third degree of Skeel."

"That's about all, sir. He stuck to his story like a leech."

"You found no chisel in his room?"

Heath admitted that he hadn't. "But you couldn't expect him to keep it around," he added.

Markham pondered the facts for several minutes.

"I can't see that we've got a very good case, however much we may be convinced of Skeel's guilt. His alibi may be thin, but taken in connection with the phone operator's testimony, I'm inclined to think it would hold tight in court."

"What about the ring, sir?"

Heath was desperately disappointed. "And what about his threats, and his finger-prints, and his record of similar burglaries?"

"Contributory factors," only Markham explained. "What we need for a case is more than a prima facie case. A good criminal lawyer could have him discharged in twenty minutes, even if I could secure an indictment. It's not impossible, you know, that the woman gave him the ring a week ago—you recall that the maid said he was demanding money from her about that time."

"And there's nothing to show that the finger-prints were not actually made late Monday afternoon. Moreover, we can't connect him in any way with the chisel, for we don't know who did the Park

Avenue job last summer. His whole story fits the facts perfectly; and we haven't anything contradictory to offer."

Heath shrugged helplessly; all the wind had been taken out of his sails.

"What do you want done with him?" he asked desolately.

Markham considered—he, too was discomfited.

"Before I answer I think I'll have a go at him myself."

He pressed a buzzer, and ordered a clerk to fill out the necessary requisition. When it had been signed in duplicate, he sent Swacke with it to Ben Hanlon.

"Do ask him about those silk shirts," suggested Vance.

And out, if you can, if he considers a white waistcoat de rigueur with a dinner-jacket."

"This office isn't a male millinery shop," snapped Markham.

"But Markham, dear, you won't learn anything else from this Petronius."

Ten minutes later a deputy sheriff from the Tombs entered with his handcuffed prisoner.

Skeel's appearance that morning belied his sobriquet of Dude. He was haggard and pale; his ordeal of the previous night had left its imprint upon him. He was unshaven; his hair was uncombed; the ends of his moustache drooped; and his cravat was awry. But despite his bedraggled condition, his manner was jaunty and contemptuous. He gave Heath a defiant leer, and faced the district attorney with swagging indifference.

To Markham's questions he doggedly repeated the same story he had told Heath. He clung tenaciously to every detail of it with the ready accuracy of a man who had painstakingly memorized a lesson and was thoroughly familiar with it.

Markham coaxed, threatened, bullied. All hint of his usual affability was gone; he was like an inexorable dynamic machine. But Skeel, whose nerves seemed to be made of iron, withstood the vicious fire of his cross-questioning without wincing; and, I confess, his resistance somewhat aroused my admiration despite my revulsion toward him and all he stood for.

After half an hour Markham gave up, completely baffled in his efforts to elicit any damaging admissions from the man. He was about to dismiss him when Vance rose languidly and stroked to the district attorney's desk. Seating himself on the edge of it, he regarded Skeel with impersonal curiosity.

"So you're a devotee of Khun Khan, eh?" he remarked, indifferently. "Silly game, what? More interesting than Connah or Rum, though. Used to be played in the London clubs. Of East Indian origin, I believe. You still play it with two decks, I suppose, and permit round-the-corner matter?"

An involuntary frown gathered on Skeel's forehead. He was used to violent district attorneys, and familiar with the bludgeoning methods of the police, but here was a type of inquisitor entirely new to him; and it was plain that he was both puzzled and apprehensive.

He decided to meet his novel antagonist with a smirk of arrogant amusement.

"By the by," continued Vance, with a change in tone, "can any one hidden in the clothes-press of the Odell living-room see the davenport through the keyhole?"

Suddenly all trace of a smile was erased from the man's features.

"And I say," Vance hurried on, his eyes fixed steadily on the other, "why didn't you give the alarm?"

I was watching Skeel closely, and though his set expression did not alter I saw the pupils of his eyes dilate. Markham, also, I think, noted this phenomenon.

(To Be Continued.)

ELECTRICITY IN RURAL AREAS.

AN "ALL-IN" TARIFF RECOMMENDED.

1D. TO 1½D. A UNIT.

The report of the conference on electricity supply in rural areas, convened by the Electricity Commissioners, has been issued as a Blue Book.

An important recommendation was that supply authorities in rural areas who are not offering an "all-in" tariff of general domestic supplies should be urged by the Electricity Commissioners to do so.

A sub-committee which dealt with this question suggested that an attractive tariff, limited to a penny or three-halfpence a unit, should be charged.

A practical financial scheme for ensuring that facilities in the way of assisted wiring and for the hire, or hire-purchase, of apparatus are available in rural areas was recommended.

Another sub-committee, which had to deal with the cost of supply, &c., states that a capital expenditure of from £17,000,000 to £28,000,000 is necessary in order to make available an electrical service—not necessarily for the whole of the population—in the existing rural distribution areas in England and Wales.

Remote Districts.

A sub-committee which considered the potential demand for electricity in rural areas reported that "it is evident that for economic reasons electrification cannot be proceeded with to the extent of placing a supply of electricity at the service of every inhabitant, farm, and other premises throughout rural Britain."

"There is no doubt that the prospects in the most remote areas are of such a low order as to preclude, or, at any rate, delay, for many years, the establishment of a public supply on a remunerative basis. It has been variously estimated that up to 50 per cent. of the more sparsely populated rural portions of the country is likely to fall within this category."

The committee states that in the suburban and less sparsely populated rural areas the prospects of demand are more encouraging and likely to justify the extension of electrical service. This development would proceed by stages.

The recommendations adopted by the conference included:

"That the Electricity Commissioners be asked to regard the development of electricity supply in rural areas as a special branch of their work, and to consider the advisability of appointing a special officer for it."

"That the Electricity Commissioners be asked to undertake a review of their new code of overhead line regulations within the next two years with the view of effecting further reductions in the cost."

"That undertakers who are able to extend supplies into neighbouring 'unoccupied' areas should be urged to do so."

The conference is to meet again after an interval of twelve months to consider the action taken on the recommendations.

INSURANCE WAR.

AMERICAN DESIGNS ON BRITISH MARKET.

Great interest has been aroused in the London insurance market by the double-column advertisement in the London newspaper recently announcing that a group life insurance contract covering 200,000 employees of General Motors Corporation has been completed with the Metropolitan Life of New York.

The announcement is held in some quarters to presage a fresh invasion of the insurance market in this country from the United States.

Negotiations are now going on between a British insurance company and one of the biggest British industrial concerns for a group life insurance on its employees of all classes is so international in its scope that in most countries flourishing branches of foreign insurance concerns are to be found.

But British insurance companies and Lloyd's underwriters which compose the home market, offer such sound security to policy holders that in a nation where security counts before cost they start with an initial advantage.

This being so, it is obvious that if there is to be a serious fresh invasion of the British insurance market from the United States the only weapons that will avail are publicity and rate cutting.

So far as publicity is concerned, British companies may have something to learn from the United States, for it is seldom that one of them makes a display similar to that of the Metropolitan Life of New York.

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 Mercantile A. & B., \$36 a.
 P. and O. \$91 a.
 East As's \$77 h.

Insurance.
 Canton Ins., \$655 n.
 Union Ins., \$355 b.
 North China Ins., Tls. 146 b.
 Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
 China Underwriters, \$250 b.
 China Firs., \$250 b.
 H. K. Fire Ins., \$750 b.

Shipping.
 Douglas's, \$384 n.
 H. K. Steamships, \$28 b.
 H. K. Tugs, \$2 n.
 Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 b.
 Shell Trans., 110/- b.
 Union Waterboats, \$204 b.

Mining.
 Benguet, \$215 b.
 Kailans, 65/- n.
 Lampkats, Tls. 11 a.
 Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.45 n.
 Raubs, \$4.85 b.
 Tronchs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.
 Kowloon Wharves, \$135 b.
 Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.
 China Providents \$5.45 b.
 Hongkongs, Tls. 156 n.
 New Engineering, Tls. 5 n.
 Shanghai Docks, Tls. 100 n.

Cottons.
 Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.50 b.
 Orientals, Tls. 2.40 b.
 Shai Cottons, Tls. 51½ (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
 H. and S. Hotels, \$8.70 a.
 H. K. Lands, \$661 a.
 Shai Lands, Tls. 138 b.
 Humphreys, \$14.35 b.
 Roalties, \$71 a.

Public Utilities.
 Tramways, \$24.35 b.
 Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
 Star Ferries, \$64.50 n.
 China Light, (Old) \$11.80 b.
 H. K. Electric, \$497 a.
 Macao Electric, \$262 b.
 Telephones \$6.80 n.
 China Buses, Tls. 11 h.
 Singapore Traction, 10/6 b.

Miscellaneous.
 Amusements, \$261 b.
 Construction, \$1.40 n.
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 344. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, Aug. 24, 1928.

1. Corps Band.

The Band will parade at full strength on Tuesday, 28th and Friday, 31st August, at Volunteer Headquarters. All Probationers will report to Volunteer Headquarters on Tuesday, 28th August, at 5.30 p.m.

2. The Battery.

General Meeting. This will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, 31st August, at 6.45 p.m., when it is expected that every member will make a very special effort to be present. The parade ordered for 5.25 p.m. is cancelled.

Friday, 7th September, 1928. Parade will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Laymen Classes on No. 1 Gun. Gun Drill on No. 2 Gun. Signal Section under Sergeant Jack.

3. Mounted Infantry Company.

Friday, 24th August. Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction. Sergt. Watson's Section only.
 Tuesday, 28th August. Parade at 5.45 p.m. for Riding School.
 Friday, 31st August. Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction. Sergt. Pott's Section only.

4. Armoured Car Company.

Car Section. Friday, 24th and 31st August, 1928. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for lectures on Car Mechanism.

Monday, 27th August. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muff.

Motor Cycle Section. Monday, 27th and Friday, 31st August. The Section will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muff.

Tuesday, 28th August. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for formation ride.

Members whose machines are in Kowloon will parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 5.45 p.m. under Sergt. Spradbery for a formation ride. Dress: Muff.

Sunday, 2nd September. A tactical scheme will be held in the New Territories. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10 a.m. A special lighter will leave Hongkong at 9.30 a.m. Rifles should be carried. Dress: Uniform, shorts, puttees, hosiery, and belts. Helmets will be worn.

5. Machine Gun Company.

Parades and N.C.O.'s classes for this month will be held on Friday, 24th and 31st August, at 5.30 at Corps Headquarters as usual. Dress: muff. There will be a Meeting of all Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Machine Gun Company at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 27th August, in the Lecture Room at Corps Headquarters.

Members of the Company are reminded that the Machine Gun Company Dinner will be held on Friday, 14th September, 1928, at 7.45 p.m.

6. Scottish Company.

Vickers Gun Class of Instruction will be held at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, 20th August, 1928. Training Season 1928/1929. All ranks of the Company are notified that Company Parades will commence on Thursday, 6th September, and be continued thereafter every Thursday, details later.

7. Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:
 No. 1365 Pte. G. R. Payne, No. 2 Platoon, from 17. 8. 28.
 No. 1366 Pte. C. L. Gregory, No. 2

A PECULIAR SNAKE.

UNUSUAL VISITOR AT THE JOCKEY CLUB STABLES.

A peculiar creature, snake-like in appearance, but not more than seven inches long and of the same thickness from head to tail was discovered yesterday at the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables at Causeway Bay.

While workmen were washing out the bathroom attached to the late Mr. E. C. Rock's quarters, the "snake" came out of a drain into an open space on the ground floor. It was immediately attacked by a cat and it put up a spirited fight. It was noted that during the combat the tail of the creature was more employed than its head. It would "lash" at the cat with its tail, and there appeared to be a good deal of force behind each blow.

The colour of this little creature was white, with patches of black all over it. The body was not wholly cylindrical, being flat in the bottom and curved on top, the thickness of a man's thumb. While it was fiercely battling against the cat, one of the riding boys thrust a stick at it and in a few moments it wound itself round the stick. It was later released into another receptacle, where it is now kept.

Quite a number of people witnessed this fight between the snake and the cat. The Chinese stable hands are of the opinion that the creature is a baby of an extremely poisonous type of snake.

Platoon, from 17. 8. 28.
 No. 1367 Gnr. M. I. DeVillie, The Battery, from 22. 8. 28.
 No. 1368 Pte. D. E. Ellis, No. 2 Platoon, from 22. 8. 28.

8. Appointment.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Company Sergeant-Major Jose Simao Rodrigues, to be Second Lieutenant, with effect from 14th August, 1928.

9. Posting.

2nd Lieut. J. S. Rodrigues is posted to the Portuguese Company.

10. Transfers.

No. 788, Pte. G. D. Mend is transferred from Armoured Car Company to The Battery, as from 9. 8. 28.
 No. 832 Pte. W. J. Howard and No. 808 Pte. E. Zimmerman are transferred from Armoured Car Company to No. 2 Platoon (Machine Gun Company), as from 1st August, 1928.

11. Leave.

Leave of absence on private affairs are granted to the undermentioned Officer and Men for the period stated against their names:
 Lieut. C. P. Anderson, M.C., 21. 8. 28, to 31. 8. 28.
 No. 1314 Pte. A. Chapman, No. 5 Platoon, 29. 8. 28, to 20. 9. 28.
 No. 591 Pte. H. G. Cooper, No. 6 Platoon, 15. 9. 28, to 14. 6. 29.

12. Struck off the strength.
 Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge as from 16. 8. 28.
 No. 821 Pte. M. G. O'Connor, No. 2 Platoon.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR, ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS. Notices.

1. Aquatic Sports. Members of the Corps are reminded that these Sports will be held at the V.R.C. on Friday, 24th August, 1928, commencing at 9 p.m. There will be a dance immediately following the Sports.

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Lake, D.C.M., Officers' Mess, Sergts' Mess, The Canteen, V.R. Club, or any member of the Sports Committee.

All entries to be sent to Corporal D. Lyon, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.

It is hoped that all members of the Corps and their friends will make a special effort to be present on this occasion.

2. Cricket. Will all those who want to play for the Volunteer this season please attend the meeting at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th August, 1928.

3. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold their Meeting at the Peak Range on Sunday, 2nd September, 1928, at 9.30 a.m. which it is hoped will be as well supported as usual.

4. Billiards. The next round of the Soldier's Club Billiard Tournament between H.K.V.D.C. v 31st Battery, R.A., will be played on 6th and 7th September, 1928, commencing at 6 p.m. each evening.



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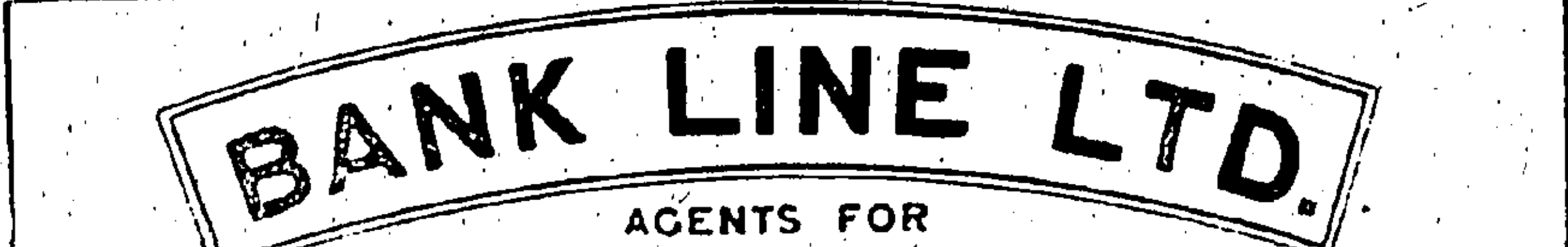
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It will be remembered that the s.s. Irene was pirated on October 21, whilst en route from Shanghai to Amoy. Challenged by H. M. Submarine L.4 when approaching Blas Bay, she was fired upon with the result that the entire superstructure was burnt out, the officers' cabins being situated in this part of the vessel. She subsequently sank, after the bulk of the passengers and crew were taken off by the submarine and a number of the pirates were also captured and suffered the extreme penalty after trial in Hongkong.

The officers involved were Captain Johnson, Chief Officer Innes, Second Officer Zalowschewsky, Chief Engineer Hodge, Second Engineer Halliwick, and Third Engineer Demco. Of these, it is understood that only Mr. Innes is now serving locally, in the s.s. Wing Hong.

Certain correspondence has passed between the Guild and the British Consul General at Shanghai, with reference to the claims mentioned above and after considerable delay, during which it is presumed that the matter was referred home, a reply has been received from the Shanghai British Consulate dated August 15, acknowledging the receipt of the claims and outlining the attitude of the Admiralty.

The letter states that the question of claims has been submitted "through the Foreign Office to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, who have now replied to the effect that the Admiralty cannot admit any liability for the losses in question."

"As regards such officers amongst the subjects, the grounds for relating their claims are identical with those which will be pleaded in the action brought by the owners of the s.s. Irene against the Commanding Officer of H. M. Submarine L.4."

"As regards the claims of such of the officers as are British subjects, the Admiralty declines to admit liability, on the ground that the losses were consequent upon lawful and reasonable acts in connection with the suppression of piracy."

OBITUARY.

MR. WONG CHAK-MAN.

News was received by telegram in Hongkong yesterday of the death in Canton yesterday morning of Mr. Wong Chak-man, father of Dr. Wong Tsz-chuen, a well known local Chinese medical practitioner. Death is said to have been sudden.

The deceased was a cousin of Professor C. Y. Wang of the Hongkong University, Dr. Wang Chung-hui the recently appointed Chinese jurist at the Hague and Dr. C. C. Wang. He was the proprietor of two Chinese newspapers, in Canton, one of them the Kwok Wah Yat Po.

Fifty-eight years of age, he is survived by eight sons and daughters, to whom the sympathy of a large circle of friends in Hongkong will go in their sad bereavement.

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GREEK ELECTIONS.

COLONEL IMPRISONED.

Athens, Aug. 23.
M. Pangalos will appear before the public prosecutor to-day in connexion with the shooting incident during the elections on the 19th inst. The two persons who were wounded are reported to have died.

A colonel was examined yesterday in connexion with the same affair and has been imprisoned.

On the eve of the elections a number of the followers and supporters of M. Venizelos gathered outside the Pangalos election rooms. They jeered and threw stones but were suddenly fired on from the balcony. Four were wounded, two of them rather seriously. The police stated that the firing was caused by four officers, including M. Pangalos himself. M. Venizelos ordered an enquiry and the punishment of the demonstrators and the retaliators. The demonstrators were mostly youths. They also raided the Cafandarist offices and caused much damage.

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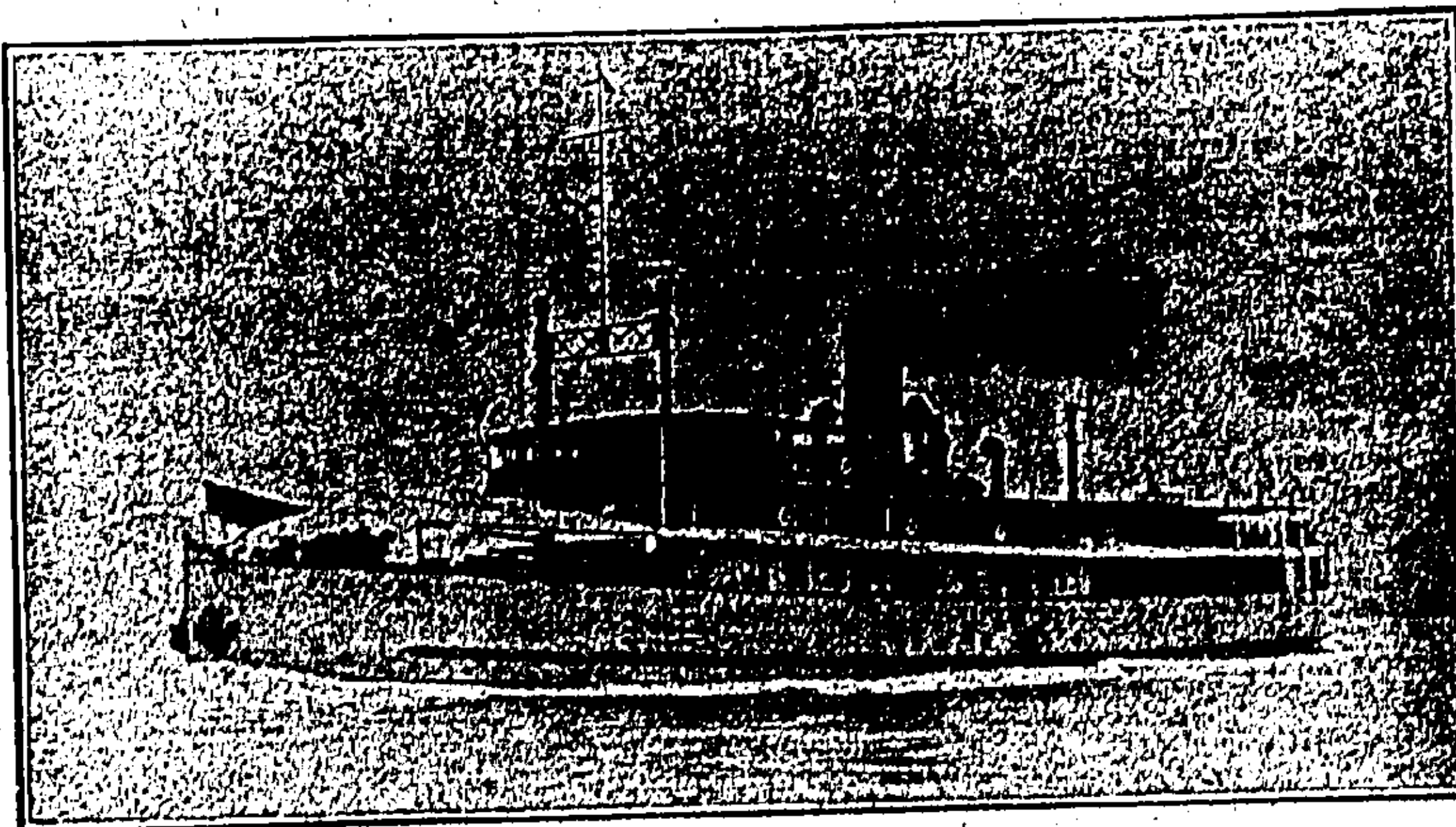
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Sir Philip Sasson told Mr. Thurtle, in the House that the value of the Calcutta flying boats to be handed over to Imperial Airways, Ltd., was about £40,000.

Charged at the Old Bailey with setting fire to a house at Mitcham, in which were his grandchildren, John Thomas Coyle (67) was found not guilty and was discharged.

The body of Engineer Commander A. O. Wood (R.N., retired), of Broadstone, was taken to sea in a naval sloop and buried two miles south of the Shambles Lightship.

Sir Samuel H. Wilson, Permanent Under Secretary for the Colonies, and two other officials, left for an official visit to West African Colonies on August 1.

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DRINK ADDICTS IN SOVIET SCHOOLS.

REVELATIONS OF THE NEW CAMPAIGN.

LENINGRAD TRAGEDY.

Riga, Aug. 23.
The appalling conditions and dangers prevailing in Russia's big cities as the result of the steady increase in drunkenness among all classes of the communities is exemplified by a terrible crime enacted in Leningrad to day.

Full details are not available, but it is reported that a prominent Communist leader, a member of the League of Communist Youth in Leningrad during a fit of intoxication ran amuck and shot his wife dead in their home.

He followed the body in an ambulance to the hospital where it was found that life was extinct; when the man suddenly drew his revolver, killed the doctor, and rushed into the street shooting right and left until he was brought down mortally wounded by a militia man.

The authorities are realising the seriousness of the situation, and in addition to the order reducing the supplies of vodka, a vigorous anti-drink campaign is being conducted.

To-day fifty-three tavern keepers were arrested on various charges connected with breaches of the regulations.

A deplorable state of affairs has been revealed by an inspection of the schools, examination having disclosed that 74 per cent. of the children have been addicted to drink from early years encouraged by their parents.—*Reuter.*

DOUBLE DROWNING FATALITY.

TWO STONEBREAKERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

Two Chinese stonebreakers were drowned yesterday morning at the Taiwan Reclamation, under tragic circumstances.

According to a report made to the police yesterday, about thirty stonebreakers were at work at a point on the Reclamation known as Tokowan when the incident occurred. One of the workmen was later seen going into the water for a bathe. He apparently soon got out of his depth, for he was struggling and shouting "Save Life!"

Another workman, who was apparently not a very strong swimmer, went to the assistance of the man in distress. He managed to reach the drowning man and for a while both were seen to struggle. Then both disappeared beneath the surface.

A search was later carried out on the spot where the men went down, but so far the bodies have not been recovered.
The two men were Ho Keung, aged 30, and Ho Sing, aged 38 years.

SENSATIONAL WHARF BLAZE.

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insurance, its reserve fund for this purpose totalling over \$400,000.
The Sui Tai is a steel twin screw steamer of 1,265 tons gross. She was built to the order of the Steamboat Company by Messrs. S. C. Farnham and Co., Ltd., Shanghai, in 1899. Her dimensions are:—Length, 238 feet; breadth, 30.1 feet; depth, 11.9 feet.

Macao Fire Recalled.

It is interesting to recall that some twelve or thirteen years ago, a fire of a like character to that aboard the Sui Tai broke out aboard the Sui An, a sister ship, at Macao. At the time, the vessel was lying at the wharf during the night, when an outbreak suddenly occurred. The watchmen aboard just managed to escape by jumping on the wharf.

The Sui An was burnt to the water's edge, nothing but the steel hull remaining. Eventually, she was towed to Hongkong and reconstructed at the Kowloon Docks.

For removing sand from the shore at different places in the New Territories, three boatmen were each fined \$100 by Mr. M. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. It was stated that the defendants had previous convictions for similar offences.

Mr. William Fleming Inglis, Hollyoak, Eastbury-avenue, Northwood, Middlesex, late of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co., Shanghai, who died on June 12, aged 65, left £25,791, with net personality £23,740. He gives £200 to Annie Ware, maid, and £50 each to Sidney Mitchell, chauffeur, and Francis Phillips, gardener.

ILL-LUCK DOGS AIR VENTURE.

AGED DUCHESS TO RETURN BY STEAMER.

"XENIA'S" PROPELLOR.

Karachi, Aug. 23.
Misfortune has again befallen the unlucky monoplane "Princess Xenia" an examination of the propeller to-day after trouble in starting revealing that it is in extremely bad condition, unfit for use.

It will be necessary to order a new one from England before the plane can continue, and the sexagenarian Duchess of Bedford, her patience apparently exhausted, has decided to leave for England by steamer, via Bombay.

The "Princess Xenia" which is piloted by Captain C. D. Barnard, left England two months ago with the Derby film in order to illustrate the practicability of making the flight to India and back in eight days.

After reaching Bushire without untoward incident, engine trouble developed, the machine having been held up at Bushire from June 12th until August 21st.

Reaching Karachi safely, it was intended to start the return trip to England to-morrow, but this, of course, has now been rendered impossible.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

INDECENT LANGUAGE CASE.

DEFENDANT CAUGHT AT THE TELEPHONE.

A fine of \$50 was imposed by Major C. Wilson, this morning, on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to a charge of using indecent language.

The police evidence showed that the defendant said indecent things over the telephone to a certain party and, as a consequence of a report made, a trap was laid and the defendant was caught.

His Worship, in imposing the penalty, remarked that the offence was a serious one and one which was hard to detect.

Mr. W. C. Hung appeared for the defendant.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Aug. 23.	
Paris	124.25
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.105
Berlin	20.37
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.425
Helsingfors	192%
Lisbon	2.7/32
Bucharest	74%
Buenos Aires	2.7/32
Shanghai	1/10.5/32
Yokohama	4.85 1/4
New York	25.20
Gosva	82.65
Milan	18.13
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	163%
Prague	29.005
Madrid	5.29/32
Athens	1/5.29/32
Rio	2.0/4
Bombay	2.0/4
Hongkong	2.0/4
Silver (spot)	2.0/4
Silver (forward)	2.0/4

WHAT WOULD "FEMINA" SAY?

The following "National Anthem of the Ancient Britons," written by W. Hope Jones, of the Eton College Troop of Boy Scouts, might almost have been penned as a reply to "Femina," of Hongkong fame. It is sung to the tune of the "March of the Men of Harlech."

What's the good of wearing braces,
Vests and plants and boots with laces,
Spats, or hats you buy in places
Down in Brompton Road?
What's the use of shirts of cotton,
Studs that always get forgotten?
These affairs are simply rotten:
Better far is woad.

Woad's the stuff to show men:
Woad to scare your foemen.
Boil it to
A brilliant blue,
And rub it on your back and your abdomen.
Ancient Briton
Never hit on
Any thing as good as woad to sit on
Neck, or knees, or where you sit on.
Tailors, you be blowed!

Romans come across the Channel,
All wrapped up in tin and flannel:
Half a pint of woad per man'll
Dress us more than these.
Saxon, you can waste your stitches
Building beds for bugs in breeches:
We have woad to clothe us, which is
Not a nest for fleas.

Roman, keep your armours;
Saxon, your pyjamas:
Hairy coats
Were meant for goats,
Gorillas, yak, retriever dogs and llamas.
Trump up Snowden
With our woad on;
Never mind if we get rained or snowed on:
Never want a button sewed on.
Go it, Ancient B's!

ASTONISHING KENT VICTORY.

MIDDLESEX DEFEATED BY AN INNINGS AND 213.

WRETCHED BATTING.

London, Aug. 23.
Kent credited themselves with one of the most astonishing victories of the season at the expense of Middlesex, the match ending early to-day, the second day of play, in a win by an innings and 213 runs.

Played at Chatham, it should have been one of the most attractive matches and severest struggles of the campaign, but the Middlesex batting in both innings was what one might have expected of a side like Worcester.

On a rain-affected pitch, the Middlesex bats were always at a disadvantage, but there appeared to be no adequate excuse for the wretched display put up by Middlesex, who failed to reach three figures in either innings. The scores were:

Kent: 388.
Middlesex: 89 and 86.

Kent occupied the wicket on the first day and scored freely off the Middlesex attack, the innings closing early to-day at 388.

A sensational Middlesex collapse followed, and the follow-on was enforced. Middlesex gave a still more feeble display, Wright taking 6 wickets for 22 runs.—*Reuter.*

SPAIN OFFENDED WITH U.S.

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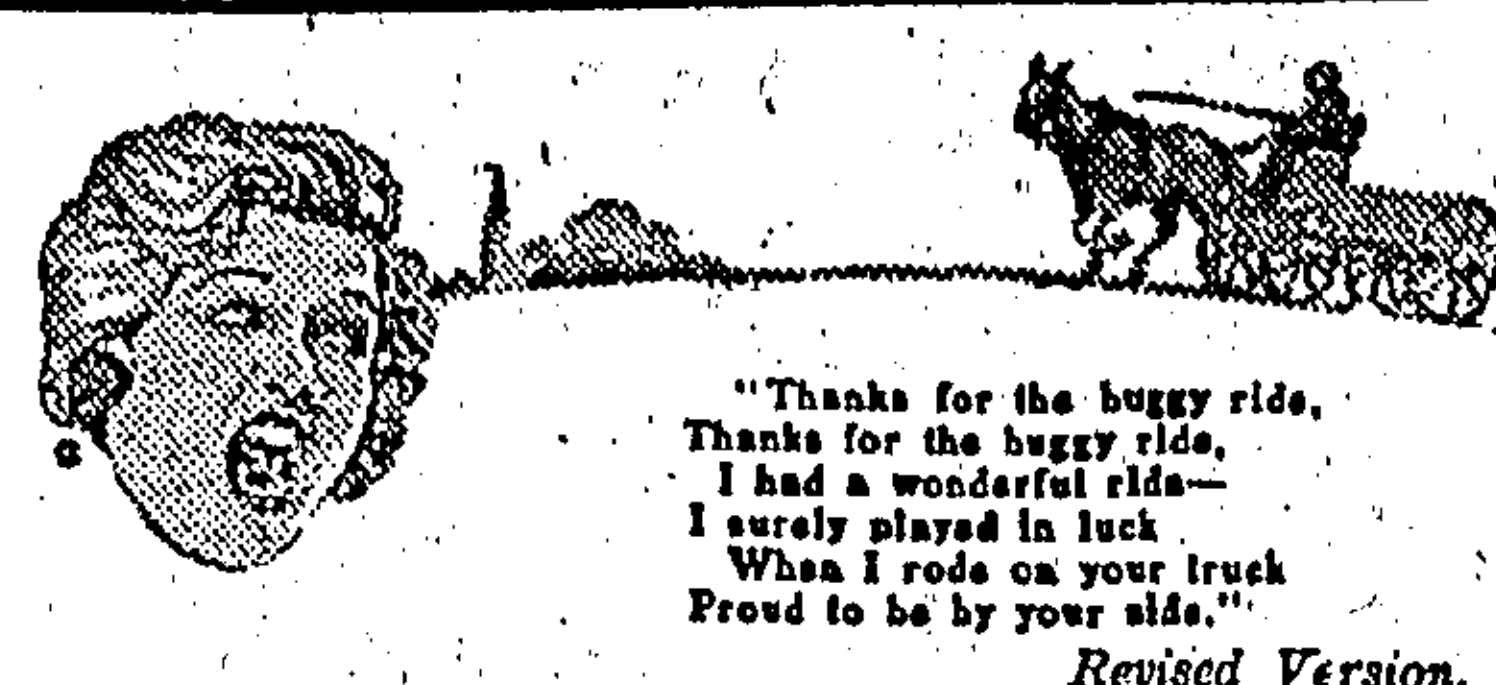
Paris, Aug. 23.
"Talkies," "Movies" and microphones will combine on Monday for the first time in history to perpetuate for future generations the sounds and movements of statesmen signing an international State document, the Kellogg Pact.

The great Clock Hall of the Quai d'Orsay has been half-converted into a cinema studio with eight huge arc lights to film the scene and a series of microphones to render even the softest whispered State secret audible to wireless listeners all over Europe.

In the meantime, the "Talkie" specialist, by means of a synchronised camera and microphone will record the speaker's facial expressions and words for the delectation a few weeks hence of millions of cinema-goers all over the world.

President Doumergue and all the Ministers discussed at a Cabinet meeting lasting for two hours and a half, the preparations for signing the anti-war Treaty. Apparently there will be no official speeches apart from M. Briand's speech of welcome.—*Reuter.*

After being allowed to go out in search of employment, Chelsea Larceau, a destitute American, failed to return to the House of Detention at closing time yesterday. The police have been informed of Larceau's absence.

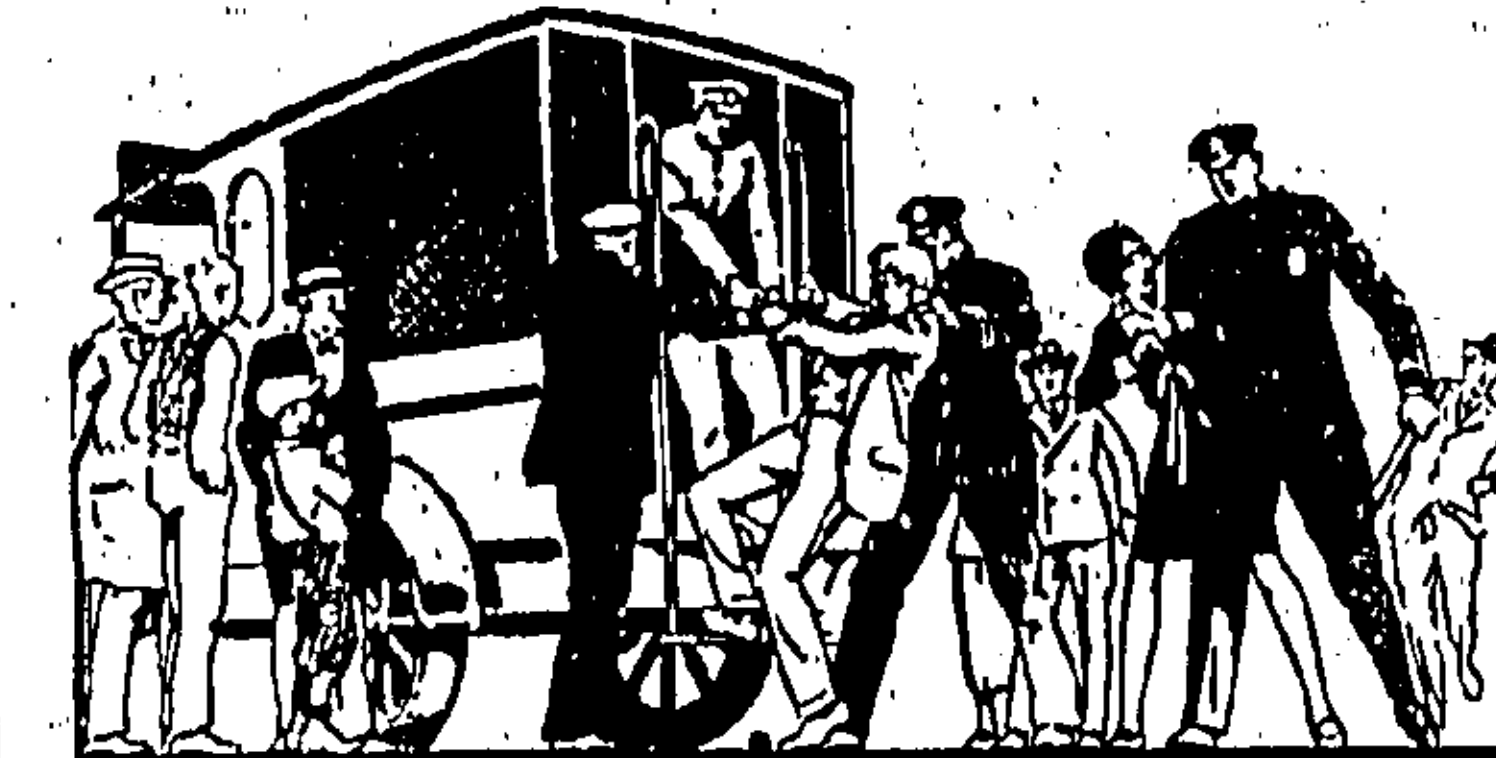


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